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Mandelson's friend hits back at Rio 'smear campaign'

POLITICAL EDITOR

THE director of the British Council in Rio de Janeiro last night hit out at what he called the "smears and innuendo" directed at Peter Mandelson and himself over the Trade Secretary's visit to the city last July. Manin Dowle, a former BBC journalist who was at the centre of

allegations in the formightly magaine Punch which accused him of taking Mr Mandelson on a jour of gay haunts and restaurants on his two-day trip tu Rio, broke his silence to launch a fierce attack un

tives fur "fuelling the smears".

Mr Dowle, who was a political correspondent at Westminster for more than ten years, issued a de-tailed account of both his and Mr Mandelson's movements from his arrival in Rio on the evening of July 18 to his departure on Monday July 20. It proved, he said, that the alle-gations against Mr Mandelson were completely untrue. "There were no nightclubs, no gay bars,"

His surprise move, after two weeks in which both he and Mr Mandelson have declined to com-William Hague and the Conserva- ment publicly for fear of giving greater currency to allegations that had been confined to Purch, came after consultations with the minister, it is understood.

He decided to set the record straight after newspapers used Mr Hague's description of Mr Mandelson as "Lord Mandelson of Rio" in the Commons last Tuesday to make references to the Punch article about Mr Mandelson's trip to

His move also coincided with the publication in the Mail on Sunday yesterday of an investigation about the trip which concluded that the Punch account could not be substannated.

A source close to the Trade Secre-tary said: "Peter feels that he has been wronged by these allegations. Now that they have appeared more widely he needs to be exonerated." Mr Dowle, speaking to The Times from Rio. confirmed that Mr

Mandelson, an old friend from Westminster days, had stayed with him and his friend Fabricio da Silva at his three bedroom house in lpanema. "There was no secret about that. I would do the same for friends in other political parties if they were passing through". Mr Mandelson had arrived after

an II hour flight from London on the evening of Saturday July 18. Mr Dowle and the Consul-General Roger Nuttall met him at the air-

They went back to Mr Dowle's house, had a glass of wine, and then went to look at part of the city centre that had been restored, a baroque church where a wedding was taking place and the site in the city where eight street children had been murdered. We were back at the house by 10.30 pm. Peter who had been up since 4 in the morning went to bed. You would have had to be superhuman to go out nightclubbing after his schedule."

Turning to the Sunday, Mr Dowle said that after a late breakfast Mr Mandelson, himself and Fabricio went to see the Corca Vado statue of Christ and then visited Santa Teresa, the artists' area of Rio. "We went to a museum and had lunch in a small restaurant. We came back about 5 to get ready for a reception that was being host-ed by Rubens Barbosa, the Brazilian ambassador in London, We then went to a dinner attended by industrialists, ministers and senators which went on unol 1 in the morning. After it we went back to

flew off to Brasilia."

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Mr Dowle said that he had decided like Mr Mandelson against formally denying the story when it appeared because to have done so

would have "given it legs".
"It was so lurid and we did not believe anyone would believe it at all. The newspapers did not follow it. It was a difficult decision but it was a case of "you are damned if you do. you are damned if you don't". Now that the allegations had

been given wider circulation he had Continued on Page 2, col 5

Whitehall attack on inefficiency

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A WHITEHALL attack on bureacracy. absentecism and fraud is to add hundreds of millions of pounds to spending on front-line services under government plans to be unveiled before Christmas. All Cabinet nunisters and heads of

key Whitehall agencies have agreed "efficiency targets" with the Treasury, including measures to cul "unauthorised absences" by civil servants by 20 per cent over two years, huge reductions in the slaught on fraud, notably benefit claims.

But under an unprecedented deal agreed between Gordon Brown and Tony Blair the savings will be added to the increases in spending for departments for the next nounced by the Chancellor in July. The moves are de-

signed to bring Mr Blair's reform cru-

sade into the heart

of Whitehall by end-

ing outmoded prac-

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will be able to pre-

"I can't remember where I put our efficiency target

vent the Treasury "pocketing" the savings if they are achieved, ministers say. The new targets will be part of some 25 "public services agreements" which Stephen Byers, the Treasury Chief Secretary, is negotiating with Cabinet minis-ters and which will be outlined in a

White Paper shortly. Mr Byers has told the departments to look at sick leave, fraud and procurement as three areas for economies.

As part of the negotiations Customs and Excise has already told the Govern-ment it intends to double to £160 million a year the revenue it gains from detect-ing smuggled alcohol and cigarettes.

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Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has agreed a 7 per cent efficiency sav-ing in the running of the BBC World Service over the next three years achieved through cutting bureacracy - enabling it to spend an extra £25 million on improvements to its

Mr Byers is insisting that big savings come from government departments by changing their cumbersome procedures for buying equipment replacing the "paper chase" - which once meant that it was costing one de-

partment £60 to order a lightbulb with electronic purchasing.

The Treasury is asking departments to follow the example of the Northern Ireland Office which, through introducing electronic methods, has cut its procurement costs per item from £30 to

30p. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is undertaking to find efficiency savings of 2 per cent in the police and fire servic-



Ellen MacArthur, the first woman to finish the Route de Rhum Atlantic race, off Guadeloupe. Page 39

es and 4 per cent in the probation service. The public services agreements are the other side of the cash handouts to departments announced by Mr Brown last July. They will show how each department is trying to modernise its practices in return for the new money, particularly the extra £40 billion for health and education. The tougher line on unauthorised absences will be controversial in Whitehall. Recent figures show that civil servants in more than half the mainstream departments are off sick for 10 to 14 days a year. Fay Weldon reveals role in Cold War against Poland

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formation Research Department (IRD), financed by M16. "I suppose I'm soil covered by the Official Secrets Act, but I don't think anyone will take that seriously as far as my role was concerned," she told The

walked by her office.

In any case, the things she remembers with greatest clarity are not the secrets buried in the files in the office cupboard but the fact that she and her fellow workers in IRD kept their hats and umbrellas in the same cupboard. There were also files in the bathroom in

the IRD building, which is now the Institute of Contempo-

For a 21-year-old graduate, with an MA in economics and philosophy, the most glamor-ous moments came when the spies from Century House, the 19-storey headquarters of M16, turned up for meeongs



Weldon: went from writing fiction to writing fiction

In a book to be published next month about IRD, a propaganda unit set up in 1948 to produce anti-communist male-rial to counter the "red peril", now and then the spies would come by and would come down the corridor and there would be a sort of frisson of ex-

"There were glass doors and we were told to turn our backs", she adds. "Somebody would come along the corridor and say. Turn your backs, to the wall', and you would turn, so this person could walk down these corridors unseen.

Miss Weldon's role was to write critical reports of Polish affairs, and the stories were fed to the BBC and other media organisations. Her experience as a writer of material that was economical with the truth helped her to become a fiction novelist in later life.

Britain's Secret Propagan da War 1948-1997, by Paul Lashniar ond Jomes Oliver, Sutton Publishing, £25.00.

Herzog visit to Britain

Roman Herzog, the German President, arrives in Britain tomorrow. In an interview with The Times he takes a philosophical line on the British media's view of his country

> Show goes on again

The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester reopens tonight for its first performance since an IRA bomb devastated the city centre two and a half years ago Page 6

Civil servants take thought

Edward de Bono is to give civil servants at the Department of Education and Employment lessons in thinking to develop ideasPage 9

Bid to stop **Pinochet** extradition

CHILE'S Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza is flying to to Spain today in his continuing bid to stop the extradicion of General Pinochet,83 from

He will try to persuade the Spanish authorities to drop their extradition request to make a face-saving deal possi-

Both Britain and Chile yesterday denied reports in Sunday newspapers that they had struck a deal to release General Augusto Pinochet from custody in exchange for a guarantee that he would face trial in

A Government spokesman said: "There is no deal. The position is unchanged from last week, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary will make the decision in a quasi-judicial capaci-

" It is about extradition to Spain and he has always made clear it is not a political decision."

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Specialist schools way out in front

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE specialist schools which ministers hope to use as a model to modernise state education will leave other comprehensives trailing in their wake when this year's examination league tables are published tomorrow, according to the schools' breakdown of results.

Two-thirds of GCSE candidates at the IS original City Technology Colleges managed at least five high-grade passes, the trust which administers the schools has announced. The 44 colleges in the next wave of schools to be admitted to the specialist network have already reached the Government's national target of 50

With this year's national average for all schools standing at 46.3 per cent and comprehensives expected to average 39 per cent, the technology colleges' results will harden ministers' resolvefor more specialisation. They are aiming for 500 specialist schools by 2001.

The results come as David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, prepares to publish a Green Paper on the teaching profession,

which will open up a new front in the Government's standards crusade. Among its proposals will be a fast-track promotion scheme designed to attract the brightest graduates

into teaching.

After a rigorous selection process graduates with an aptitude for teaching would be offered accelerated promotion, possibly climbing the pay scale within four or five years, and then qualifying for the new grade of "advanced skills"

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GCSE and A-level results for all English secondary schools

teacher" - with salaries up to £40,000 - or taking leadership positions in schools.

Other proposals will include a tougher system of appraisal. Classroom teachers of proven high quality will be able to break through the existing pay ceiling into a new grade. where higher rates of pay will be available, in return for annual checks on performance.





Gibb and Daniel



Mandelson to give up his veto on takeovers

PETER MANDELSON is to take the first steps towards removing the Government's role as final arbiter in controversial business takeovers.

The Trade Secretary is to begin a consultation process in the new year that could see ministers denied a say in either approving or vetoing contenrious mergers. It would mean that, in a

case such as BSkyB's bid for Manchester United, the decision would be left enorely to the regulatory authorices with-out any role for government.

Mr Mandelson has already referred BSkyB's £623 million bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and, unler current rules, will have the final say on whether to approve or reject its recommen-

Mr Mandelson will announce a Green Paper in January to examine the whole issue of merger policy and the role played by the Secretary of State. He has made clear to DTI officials that his instincts is to remove government from the process entirely. Since he over the job in July, he

Industry Secretary takes first steps to give up Government's role as final arbiter, writes Roland Watson

than most other countries.

options for its reform".

Mr Mandelson said the

green paper would "analyse

merger policy. its history and

He said: "I don't want to

rule anything out. I want to

put everything under the mi-

croscope. I want to see if the

way we do things in Britain is

the best we can do."
Mr Mandelson insists that

his instinctive approach pre-ceded the BSkyB bid for Man-chester United, rather than be-

ing prompted by an individual case. But the bid by BSkyB,

which is 40 per cent owned by

News International, owner of

The Times, has proved uncom-

Mr Mandelson required le-

gal clearance from DTI law-

yers before he could address

the issue because of his person-

al friendship with Mr Murdo-

fortable for the minister.

has received two substantal papers on the subject which have made him draw back

from a hurried decision. Officials have also warned him that there are certain circumstances when the public would expect the Government to step in and rule on a proposed deal where there were public interest issues at stake which went beyond the purely

However, Mr Mandelson is to press ahead with a consultation document which will be designed to open up the whole process of approval of mergers that would reshape the market-

Changes to merger policy were ruled out by Mr Mandelson's predecessor, Margaret Beckett. But the minister said he wanted to examine whether the current procedure was the best way of conducting busi-ness policy. The role given to

aging director of BSkyB net-works division, and the fact that BSkyB is one of the sponsors of the Millennium Dome, for which he has ministerial responsibility. Government in deciding merg-ers is far greater in Britain

The issue has also shadowed much of his ministerial life since it surfaced in September, with opponents prepared to accuse him of being swayed by political rather than business considerations.

Mr Mandelson said that, when he arrived at the department, he believed that the argument in favour of surrendering the Government's role was straightforward. After five months in the job, he conceded: "I thought il would be a rather more clear cut issue. It isn't. This is a very complicat-

Members of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission yes terday paid a visit to Old Trafford, home of Manchester United, on a "routine site visit". After a morning's work, the party bought tickets for the afternoon match and watched the home side beat Leeds Unit-

Official in Rio attacks smears'

Continued from Page i decided to say something. "to is a smear. It is disgraceful that William Hague should take innuendo, lies and smears as part of a process of the destruction of the lives of professional people. "

The story was provided to Punch by Wensley Clarkson, a former Fleet Street journalist, who had been in Rio researching a book on Ronaldo, the Brazilian football star. The Mail on Sunday alleged that Denis Wright, an old contact of Mr Clarkson, had come up with the allegations about the trip, Mr Dowle confirmed that Mr Wright had worked for him for a short time as a "fixer" when he [Dowle] was the BBC's correspondent in Rio but that he had dispensed with his services.

The editor of Punch magazine last night stood "one hundred per cent" behind his story on Peter Mandelson and chal-lenged those involved to sue if they were confident he could not prove his claims.

James Steen said not only dld he have every confidence in the author of the report, Wensley Clarkson, a former Fleet Street journalist, but he had also corroborated the story separately from London. Further allegations about Mr Mandelson's sexuality and his made in this week's edition of

Robinson faces Tory calls for new inquiry:

By Mark Inglefield, political reporter

GEOFFREY ROBINSON, the Paymaster General, came under renewed pressure to resign yesterday after the Tories called for a second investigation into his business dealings with Robert Maxwell, the disgraced media tycoon.

The Conservatives want the Government to appoint inspectors to investigate a deal carried out by Mr Robinson in 1990 when he was chairman of Hollis Industries, a company owned by Maxwell.

Six months before Hollis Industries collapsed in 1991. Mr Robinson arranged the sale of two of its subsidiary companies, Lock Internacional and PSS Group, Both were bought by another Maxwell company, Headington Holdings, for £2.972 million. Hours later they were purchased by Central & Sheerwood, also owned by Maxwell, for £4,053 million. After the transaction Mr Robinson emerged as the big-gest single shareholder in Cen-tral & Sheerwood.

The question now being asked is: Why was Headington Holdings involved in the sale of the companies and why were the firms apparently sold for more than a £1 million less than their real value? Central & Sherwood was lat-

er renamed TransTec. Mr Robinson was a director, and the company later became the business fortune.

In a letter to Peter Mandel-

son, the Trade and Industry Secretary. David Heathcoal-Amory, a Tory Treasury spokesman, called on the Government to appoint inspectors to examine Mr Robinson's acovides under the Companies There appears to have been

no legiomate reason for the involvement of Headington Holdings, save to enable it to strip £1,153,000 for the benefit of Robert Maxwell," he said. The disclosures follow Mr

Robinson's apology to the House of Commons for failuing to register business interests. He was earlier he was rebuked by the Commons Standards Comminee for failure to declare another directorship. The pressure intensified last week when Mr Mandelson confirmed that Mr Robinson was facing an investigation

Robinson: his Maxwell links are under scrutiny

into 13 other possible breaches of company law. Mr Robinson will also face questions about a memo he wrote to Robert == Maxwell and his son, Kevin. on July 24, 1990 which showed that he had lobbied the Overseas Development Agency to support a Maxwell business: On House of Commons notepaper, Mr Robinson wrote: We condinue to quote for business - most recently for India.

also written to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. He said that for Mr Robinson to omit any mendon of the

relationship in the MPs' Register of Interests on the grounds that he received no salary from Mr Maxwell was "to ignore his duty to declare the huge financial interest he had the first the second in this relationship". Yesterday it appeared as the translation the Government was

divided over Mr Robinson's future. Reports claimed that Tony Blair wanted to sack . him, while Gordon Brown, his . chief ally, wanted him to re-Any new investigation by

the Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Standards is sure to be a lengthy affair. Sir Gordon is due to retire before the end Elizabeth Firkin, will not arrive until February.

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Only one in five backs the euro

By Mark Inglefield, political reporter

the single European currency - and even for membership of the European Union - has fallen steeply in the past six years, according to a government-funded survey.

The British and Social European Attitudes survey discloses that the proportion of people in this country supporting membership of the EU fell from 77 per cent in 1991 to 55 per cent last year. The report, the most comprehensive of its kind, reveals that 28 per cent favoured complete withdrawal from the European Union. The Government will be con-

terned by the disclosure that plans to replace the pound with the euro are the main reason for increasing opposition to Britain being in the EU. Membership of European economic and monetary union is supported by fewer than one

The Prime Minister has committed himself tn making

PUBLIC support for entry into a decision about membership of the single currency after the next election but says that we should only join if this would be in the country's interests.

Francis Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the survey vindicated the Conservaoves' stance, which rules out joining the currency in the next Parliament as well as this one. "The attempt by the Government to force-march Brit-ain into a single currency is backfiring and creating and-European senoment," he said. Geoffrey Evans, who work-

ed on the report, said: "A clear factor behind the slide in support for the EU is fear uf and oppositing to a single European currency." It says that 61 per cent of Britons wish to keep the pound: 17 per cent support switching to the curo. The survey was carried out by the Social Community and Planning Research organisa-

rion, between May to Septem-

Commonwealth chief woos Irish

By Audree Magee, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT ture prospect of a united fre-

THE Commonwealth Secretary General will raise Ireland's possible re-entry to the international club next month when he visits Dublin to hold meetings with the Irish President and Prime Minister.

Chief Ameka Anyaoku, who would like to see Ireland return to the Commonwealth. said that he was "greatly looking forward" to discussing the matter with President Mary McAleese and Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. "Clearly I will be happy to

discuss these maners if they are raised and even if they are not raised I will look forward to the opportunity of discussing them. Ireland left the Common-

wealth on becoming a republic in 1949. Mary Robinson courted controversy during her presidency when she suggested rejoining the organisation. She and others said that it would act as a comfort to Unionisis feeling threatened by the fu-

The controversy resurfaced last week when Mr Ahern, leader of the republican Flan-

na Fail party, told The Times that there will be a debate on whether Ireland should rejoin. His own party quickly divided in their reaction to his comments. Eamon O Cuiv, the junior

arts minister and grandson of former republican leader Eamon de Valera, has come out in favour of re-joining and is campaigning to persuade his parliamentary colleagues of the merits of his views. He said: "There is a normali-

sadon of relationships now between Ireland and Britain and our going back to the Commonwealth gave comfort to Unionists then I would have no difficulty with it at all." Albert Reynolds, the former

Taoiseach who was one of the architects of the peace process. spoke against the suggestion.

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Curb on threats to meat inspectors

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government promised yesterday to crack down on viand intimidation against meat inspectors by slaughterhouse managers and their staff.

More than 50 per cent of inspectors who took part in a survey by Unison, the public sector union, and the Meat Hygiene Service (MHS) complained of being verbally threatened with abused. knives and shotguns and even physically attacked.

"I am deeply disturbed to hear continued reports of intimidation of Meat Hygiene Service staff ". Nick Brown, the Minister of Agriculture.

"It is totally unacceptable

that public servants employed to ensure the safety of meat should be treated in this way. The Government will take firm steps against this."

The release of the survey results comes as Britain's farmers try to recapture foreign markets for their beef and Government assurances that aballoir controls are now being properly enforced played a key role in getting the EU to case the beel embargo.

Ben Priestley. Unison's natinnal nfficer responsible for negotiations with the MHS. said the 1,000 inspectors who were members of the union faced abuse and threats on an almost daily basis. In the worst cases people have been



Brown: said that he was disturbed to hear reports

knives," he said. Eric Hoyle, whu spent 15 years as a meat inspector, believes the stress of the job was

(myalgic encephalomyelitis) or "yuppie flu", which forced him to retire two years ago at the age of 48. On one occasion I was physically attacked." he said. Mr Hoyle said he believed the threat of intimidation meant that many inspectors were inclined to turn a blind eye when they saw a problem so as to avoid a confrontation

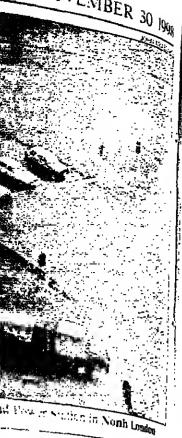
threatened with shotguns and

with the abattoir manager. Of the 1,540 questionnaires seni out to inspectors 770:" came back and of those 409 reported incidents of violence of intimidation.

The Federation of Fresh Meat Wholesalers, representing most of the big abanours. dismissed the reports of intimidation as highly exaggerated.



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Frances Gibb and Daniel McGrory report on rejected couple on the run

AJUDGE has made an impassioned plea to find two girls missing with a couple who had been turned down as their adoptive parents. Jade Bennet, five, and her

er Hannah, three, vanisned three months ago on the day that their foster carers, Jeffrey and Jennifer Bramky. were due to give them up. They are believed to have been wandering between holiday resorts in four counties, staying in bed-and-breakfast hotels or curavan sites.

Mrs Justice Hogg, a Family Division judge and a mother, said that she was 'very wor-ried for their safety and wellbeing". She added: "We do not know where they are or the conditions in which they are

Somewhere, someone knows here they are or someone has seco them. Now I beseech that person to come forward with whatever information he or she has, so we can find these two lit-

The judge had called media representatives to her court so that she could make a statement seeking help to trace the

The judge said that the Bramleys disappeared with the girls from their home in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, on September 14, when they were due to hand back the girls to



Jeffrey and Jennifer Bramley: "Will not harm children"

turned down as adoptive parenis. Mr Bramley, 34, a postal worker, and his wife, 35, had cared for the girls since March.

The couple have eluded police and social workers, apparently sheltered by sympathetic strangers they meet who do not want to see them caught. Television appeals have failed 10 find them.

Detectives say that they have been given tip-offs about their whereabouts, but often after the couple had moved on. There have been reported sightings of the couple in Ireland and of their blue Honda police believe the number plates may have been changed

Detective Sergeant Mark Nicholson, who is leading the hunt, said: "We are being por-trayed as the heartless bad guys while the Bramleys are painted as an innocent couple who could not have their own children and now face losing two daughters who had been with them since March.

"People are thinking, 'Good luck to them, hope they keep on running.' but it's the little girls who are the victims and they must be wondering why they keep moving address Concerto car. The car registra-tion number is GI52 SHR, but their toys and all the things

they are used to." The police concede that they are not sure that the Bramleys have broken any law and still refer to this as a missing-persons case, al-though there is some embarrassment at the failure to find

The getaway was meticu-lously planned after social workers in Cambridge told the couple that they could not adopt the girls, whom they also intended to take back into

It was the first time that they had fostered children but, after several meetings, social workers had decided that they had "inadequate parenting skills" and gave them a month to hand back the girls.

The couple used their credit cards to withdraw money and emptied their bank accounts so that they had almost £5,000 to make their escape. Mr Bramley told his bosses at the Royal Mail depot in Peterborough that he was taking holiday, and the couple left their £70,000 detached home. Police suspect that Mr Bram-

ley who had perviously worked in the motor trade, may have made up false number plates for his car. Their first hideout was in Norfolk at a holiday caravan site the Bramleys had visited before with the girls. Since then,





Jade Bennett, left, and her sister Hannah: police are worried about how long the Bramleys' money will last

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have fled by the time police discovered where they had been

Police admit that the two girls "appear well cared for" but there is increasing concernthat, as their money runs out. so the Bramleys may get more

Mr Nicholson said: "Obviously our prime concern is for those little girls' safety. Their foster parents must be getting more desperate every day they

The girls' natural mother, Jackie Bennett, said she feared that her daughters were in danger and pleaded with the Bramleys to leave the children somewhere safe, even if the couple want to stay on the run.

Cambridegshire social services denied that they "spooked" the couple into absconding.

give warnings that foster children are being taken away.

The director of social services, Liz Railton, said: "We feel absolutely confident that what we have done is to act in the best interests of these children. I have every sympathy with Mr and Mrs Bramley in this difficult situation, but I appeal to them to put the children's

needs first.

parenting. No one is suggesting that the Bramleys are not good parents - but these children need more than this and they need it now."

Mrs Bramley's brother, Dave Bodle, 37, a civil servant, said: "There is no way that Jenny or Jeff would cause any harm to any child. They love and care about children too much to cause any harm to the

Rare plea came after action by council

MRS JUSTICE HOGG became involved with the case after Cambridgeshire County Council applied to the courts for "seek and find" orders to enable the girls to be traced. Robert Emery, the High Court tipstaff, who is the civil

law enforcement officer, said: This is entirely the judge's denion." Although acting in her Licial capacity, she was also as a mother", he added. He could not recall a similar pub-

lic plea being made by a judge in such a way.
The judge said: "Sadly, Jade and Hannah's mother was unable to care for them as she would have wished. In June 1997 she asked the local authority to look after them. The local

authority placed the girls with short-term foster carers." In January this year, the girls mother decided their welfare would be best served by



Mrs Justice Hogg: was concerned "as a mother"

Bramleys were identified as the new carers and the girls went to them in March.

But, the judge said, "As time passed, it became clear to the local authority that, despite the work that had gone into arranging the placement, the Bramleys were unable to offer adoption and in due course the the girls the special home that

they so much needed." The Bramleys sought legal advice and unsuccessfully tried to challenge the decision through the courts, she said. On September 14, the day they were due to hand the girls back to Cambridgeshire Social Services, they disappeared.

Mrs Justice. Hogg said: They have not been seen since. No one seems to know sive investigations carried out by the police and others."

She added: "I am concerned that Jade and Hannah should now be found as quickly as possible ... The court has no means of knowing whether their health and educational needs are being met." The judge appealed directly to anyone with information, which would be treated in confidence, to go to the police or the court and she urged the Bram-leys to contact the High Court tipstaff on 0171-936 6000.

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Travelling fridge makes TV mark

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

surfing.

chosen as a Radio 4 Morning Story has made a small piece of history by becoming the first book to be turned into a television commercial.

Round Ireland ... With a Fridge, which has sold 50,000 copies in Britain and Ireland. is the inspiration for a new £2.3 million campaign for Harp Irish lager, which will have its first airing on television tomorrow.

The book's author, Tony Hawks, stars in the commercial with the domestic fridge that, as the result of a bet, accompanied him as he hitched around Ireland.

In a matter of days, Hawks and his fridge became national celebrities and were featured in many local newspapers and on regional television. The book charts his experiences and the people he met along the way; at one point the fridge was blessed by a Mother Superior. Film rights are be-

ing negotiated.
The two commercials draw on real experiences in the book

considers A BESTSELLING travelogue such as when Hawks, a television and radio comedian, and his fridge were given a lift in a

horsebox and when he took it

Gerry Moira, creative direc-

tor of Publicis, the advertising

cials, said: "We thought

Hawks's bet was a very Irish

story, which fitted well with

the brand and we hope to con-

tinue the story with further commercials."

agency behind the commer-

By WARWICK MANSELL

MICHAEL JACKSON is contemplating having his son, Prince, educated in England. The singer has made inquiries about putting his name down for Stowe. His interest on behalf of his 21-month-old son follows inquiries by Madonna about a future place for her



Tony Hawks: making

daughter, Lourdes, two, at Cheltenham Ladies' College. It is understood that Jackson, 40, sent a member of his management team to look at Stowe, the £14.940-a-year school in Buckinghamshire whose old boys include Richard Branson, David Niven and Michael Grade. The school, founded in 1923, last night declined to comment. An undoubted attraction for the security-conscious Jackson would be privacy. Stowe, a sprawling country house built in 1770, is set in 750 acres of National Trust land. The school

also has a reputation for artis-

French sparkle to rescue

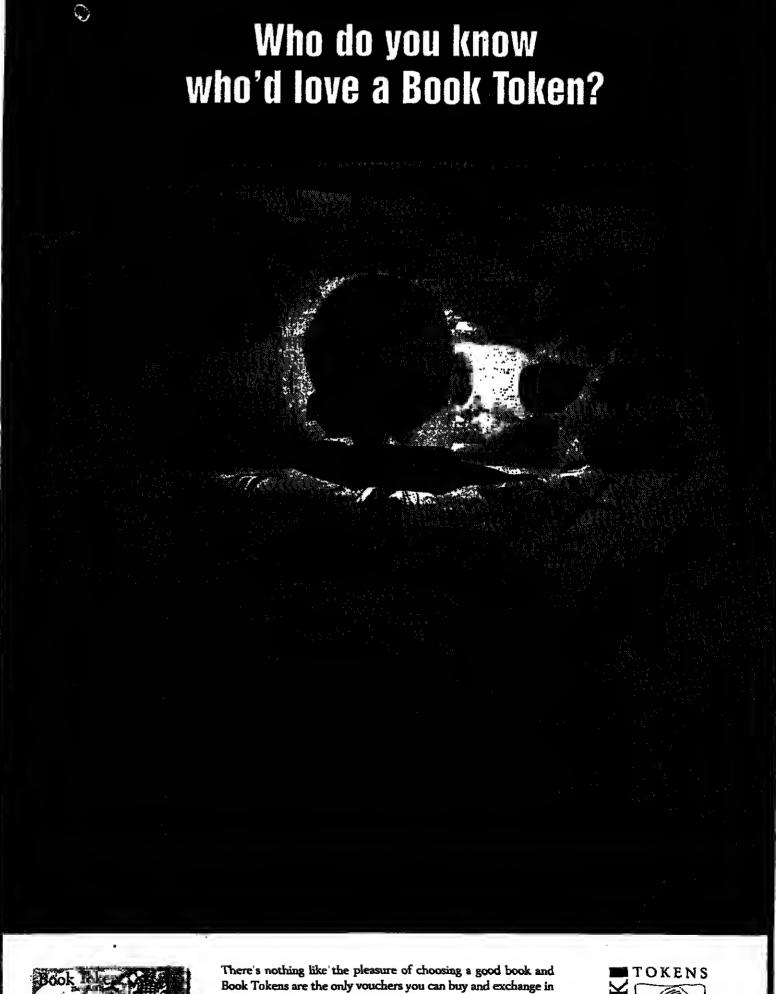
THE French have come to the rescue of the old enemy to ensure that one of Britain's hismric gateways to the Contint enjoys a bright Christmas (Tim Jones writes).

For the past few years, the festive lights at Folkestone have been criticised as being Scrooge-like and feeble, lacking the sparkle of other, more

prosperous towns. Philippe Esclasse, Folkestone's French-born town centre manager, tried in vain to raise the £45,000 that local traders and Shepway District Council considered necessary to make the town shine again. But the Christmas coffers, he

was told, were empty. Then M Esclasse recalled that Boulogne, with which Folkestone is twinned, had last year won the prize for the best-decorated town in northern France. As a result of his pleading, 14 council workers from Boulogne will arrive in the English Channel port tomorrow to demonstrate what French flair is all about.

Equipped with six 20ft Christmas trees laden with artificial snow, and a host of lights and garlands they hope - for just £7.000 - to transform the town centre into an irresistible attraction.





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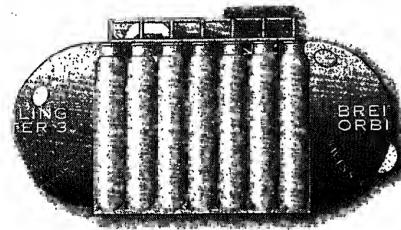
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Based on observations made during the February flight, as well as in the course of laboratory simulations, these specialists have succeeded in reducing the uncertainties, particularly those linked to fuel consumption problems and night/day thermal differences.

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(650,000 cu.ft) in volume. The new pressurized capsule, made of kevlar and carbon fiber, is now equipped with propane burners.

BRETTLING ORBITER 3 will lift off this winter from Châteaud'Œx, between November and mid-February, as soon as a favorable weather window appears. For in fact, even with the most cutting-edge technology, the success or failure of such a project largely depends on meteorological factors.

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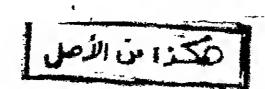
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Cleared doctor faces new harassment questions

Richard Duce reports on the latest evidence in a patient's continuing claim against her gynaecologist

A LEADING hospital professor faces questions by the General Medical Council over an apparent inconsistency in evidence he gave to a disciplinary hearing that cleared him of serious professional misconduct.

Kyprianos Nicolaides, an eminent gynaecologist, was cleared last May amid claims that he had joked with a pregnant woman. Jennifer Sabin, about her underwear as he carried out keyhole surgery on her dying unborn twins. Dur-ing questioning by his defending barrister, Professor Nicolaides was asked if ever in his professional life there had been an allegation of sexual familiarity against him, to which he replied "No none." However, The Times has

seen documents which show that, three months earlier, the professor was the subject of an internal investigation at King's College Hospital, South London, after an allegation of sexual harassment. He was cleared of the allegation, made by his personal assistant after only five days in her new job, but now lawyers acting for Mrs Sabin, 42, from Morpeth. Northumberland, have written to the GMC to point out the apparent inconsistency of Professor Nicolaides's testi-

mony at the May hearing. Her lawyers have written to the GMC after making contact with Shelley Ormerod, 26, who levelled the harassment claim against her boss in January. The internal inquiry held on February 11 rejected a number of allegations against the professor, but accepted that he may have called Miss Ormerod "tarty" because his colloquial English was not good.



Such comments, the professor believed, were "conveying only flirtatious behaviour". Miss Ormerod, from Wim-

bledon, southwest London, had also complained that, on her second day at the Harris Birthright Centre, Professor Nicolaides had asked her to massage his neck. The panel concluded that the massage "had begun voluntarily and was within the practice of the department" because the pro-



Lawyers for Jenny Sabin, above, have written to the GMC about Professor Nicolaides's testimony

fessor worked constantly with ultrasound equipment. Miss Ormerod worked with Professor Nicolaides, 45. for only five days and, after rejecting the chance of working else-where within the hospital, was

paid off with £3,500 from her

£19,000-a-year post. Mrs Sabin is not only recovering from the trauma of losing her unborn twins but also

GMC hearing at which much of her evidence was rejected. Although the misconduct claim was not upheld, the GMC hearing was critical of Professor Nicolaides's bedside manner. It found that he had asked Mrs Sabin if they had gas and electricity in Newcas-tle and that he had said "Shir" when he realised the laser sur-

gery had gone wrong. There is no suggestion that Professor Nicolaides deliberately withheld the information about Miss Ormerod's claim.

Friends of the professor say that he believed the question put to him at the GMC hearing related solely to any claim against him in a doctor-andpanent capacity. The professor told The Times: "I answered the questions truthfully and I believed them to be answered truthfully in the context in which they were put."
The GMC now has to decide

whether it wants to interview the professor about the latest development. A spokeswoman said: "We do not discuss the details of complaints."



Shelley Ormerod: harassment allegation was rejected

Britons buy the dearest **Christmas** presents

By Manus Costello

BRITONS plan to show their Christmas spirit by buying more expensive presents than the French or Americans.A survey has found that British shoppers intend to spend £42 per gift, compared to the French average of less than £30 and the US average of £20. But the British, who will

buy an average of seven gifts, totalling £290, will still be out-spent by the Americans, who plan to buy an average of 25 presents, totalling £500.

"Historically, consumers in the US have exchanged gifts with a wider circle of family and friends than in most other countries," said Irwin Cohen, of Deloitte & Touche, which

carried out the survey.

There is probably a little more emphasis in Europe on the quality of the item and the store experience, in contrast to the American preference for

low prices." Most Britons surveyed said that they intended to spend more than they did last year an average of £570, including parties and Christmas sales.

Air crash pilot had led Red **Arrows**

By JOANNA BALE

ETHE pilot who died when his aircraft crashed into a hillside in Devon was a former leader of the RAF's Red Arrows aerobatics team and had made crash-landings in two previous air accidents.

Captain Raymond Loverseed, 66, from Chichester, led the Red Arrows display team from December 1970 to November 1971. In 1984 he survived when a transport plane he was flying crash-landed at the Farnborough Air Show and, in 1987, while flying a single-engined Piper Cherokee from the United States to Britain, he was forced to make another crash-landing, this time in a snow-covered forest in Canada. In the second accident, Captain Loverseed, who had managed to broadcast a mayday call, survived for 16 hours with a shattered foot in temperatures reaching -16C until rescuers reached him.

He and his fellow crewmember. Adam Saunders, 72, from Canada, died on Saturday morning when their four-engined Dash 7 turbo-prop aircraft crashed into a hillside near Ashburton, Devon. The aircraft had taken off from Guernsey on a test flight about an hour earlier.

Scientists find better way to treat cancer cells

BY GILLIAN HARRIS SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS investigating the genetic make-up of cancerous tumours have devised a method of identifying which patients are likely to benefit from treatment.

Researchers have pinpointed the rogue genes within cancer cells which acquire immunity to drugs used to reduce tumours. Some cancer patients stop responding to chemotherapy once their cells have developed immunity. The development will allow doctors to offer alternative treatments.

Writing in the Cancer Journal, Howard McLeod, from the Institute of Medical Sciences at Aberdeen University, said: "Genes are an important indicator of who is going to get cancer, but they can also indicate how you are going to respond to treatment. If you can identify who is not going to respond, then you can focus attention on these genes and switch them off

with different drugs." David Secher, the head of drug development at the Cancer Research Campaign, said: What this team is doing is closing the net on cancers that do not respond to chemotherapy."

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Two years after IRA blast, the show goes on

£31 million later, the curtain rises again on a

Manchester stage. Russell Jenkins reports

THE Royal Exchange Theatre by the huge bomb, could be skeleton - now has new lightin Manchester opens its doors to the public tonight for the first performance since an IRA bomb devastated the city centre more than two and half

years ago.
The audience will see the show, Stanley same show. Stanley Houghton's Hindle Wakes. whose run came to an abrupt end in August, 1996. The company believes that the seamless continuation of the run stands as a fitting symbol of its

The completion of a £31 million refurbishment, which brought the old Corn Exchange back from the brink of demolition and created a spec-tacular setting for the world's most advanced theatre-in-theround, is also an important signpost to the city's regeneration. It has been a long and difficult journey. Actors, direc-tors and backstage staff, cast out of their ruined home, kept the show going under an im-provised tent structure in Upper Campfield across the city,

The familiar "spaceship" module, the company's trademark auditorium, emerged relatively unscathed. But for some time specialist engineers debated whether the 19th-century structure, which was blasted from its foundations

Much of the funding, largely made up of the biggest Nadonal Lottery grant to be made outside London, has been spent on reconstructing the fabric of the building, notably the creation of a magnifi-cent blue glass dome, new offices, rehearsal rooms and a wooden floor. Even the board showing the old trading prices

will be restored.

The Great Hall surrounding the theatre has acquired a stylish café and restaurant. ticket office and shops. The theatre - still housed in its metal

Sue Johnson back in her

and audience alike. The archi-tects exploited the opportunity to lift the gloom and the roof is now dominated by glass domes and brightly coloured glass windows that bathe the marble pillars and walls in shafts of warm pink light. It is what architects call "surprise pink", created by a fortuitous trick of the light.

senior management were meeting their architects in London on that hot summer Saturday when they learnt, over the telephone, that Manchester had been hit by the biggest bomb blast on mainland Britain since the Second World

ing and sound and a system for flying sets that can open up the roof to the dome. There is

also a new studio theatre, a

flexible space with seating for

120. Where new playwrights will be encouraged and where touring companies will invited

Before the bomb, theatre

goers could be lost in almost se-pulchral gloom of the old Corn Exchange. There was, old

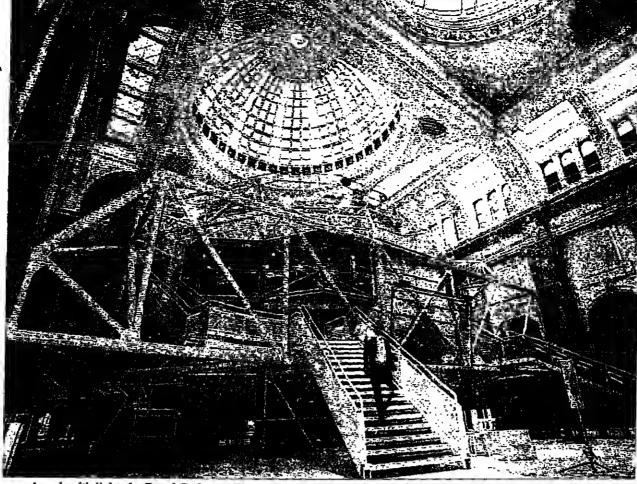
hands remember, a cathedral-

like atmosphere that had be-

gun to hang heavy on actors

to perform their work.

Gregory Hersov, a director. recalls how they learnt of the devastation in a succession



Awash with light, the Royal Exchange Theatre leaves its days of gloom far behind. Below, the theatre's façade

calls. At first, they were told they would miss a few performances, then the run and, a short ome later, this rose from six months to a year. When they hurried back to St Anne's Square to see the shattered glass and the shredded curtains billowing in the wind, it had sunk in that this was a

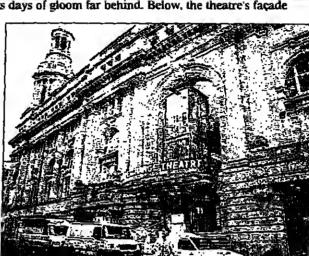
fight for survival. It prompted a period of soul searching. "The bomb concentrated the minds," said Mr Hersov. "Being thrown out of your home made us think seriously about why we were here. what the company stands for

"It made us believe passion-

also had a tremendous amount of support which showed there was a real affection for our role in the city." Braham Murray, the senior

artistic director, acknowledges that, in the old Corn Exchange, audiences felt as if they are going to a cathedral. He said: "It is beautiful now. I could not have dared to hope that it would turn out so well, People who found it forbidding before will think so as We have got the opportunity to open it up as a place. not just a theatre, but it should be a real kind of meeting place for Manchester."

The new season includes Tom Courtenay in King Lear.



NEWS IN BRIEF Fall kills

second brother A man mourning his brother's fatal fall from a motorway

bridge fell to his death at the same place yesterday. Andrew McKay, 21, had spent hours staring out from the pedestri-an bridge over the M8 at Riddrie. Glasgow. where his brother David, 17. died eight weeks ago. Police said that the elder brother appeared to have overbalanced while sixting oo a handrail and friends had been nearby: There would appear to be no suspicious circumstances." A family friend said: "He was very close to his brother."

Birth of a blade

Christopher Dean, the former Olympic ice dance champion, has become a father. His wife, Jill herself a former figure skater, gave birth to Jack in Colorado Springs in the United States, where the couple

Pub deaths

Two women were found dead in their room after a suspected carbon monoxide leak at the pub in which they were stay-ing at Wentnor, Shropshire. Two other guests are seriously ill and being treated in a hospi tal decompression chamber

£10,000 for cat

David Horobin, a businessman, and his wife, Linda, are offering a £10,000 reward for the return of Jeremy, a threeyear-old Abyssinian tomcat. which went missing from their home near Northwich, Cheshire, two weeks ago.

Lockerbie case

Jim Swire, a founder of UK Families Flight 103, is to travel to Holland to meet the Mayor of Zeist, where the trial of two Libyans accused of iovolvement in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie. is scheduled to take place.

Metro crossword

Two clues to the crossword on page 13 of Saturday's Metro section were omitted. They were: 26 down, What is Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie's stage name? and, 28 down. What is Carly Simon's greatest conceit?

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Alliance hopes to wipe out mink

By GILLIAN HARRIS SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIONISTS and landowners in Scotland have joined forces to destroy a population of feral mink in the Hebrides that they claim is threatening the survival of thousands of rare birds.

The American predators which escaped from a farm 30 years ago are being held responsible for decimating vital breeding colonies of ringed plovers, lapwing, dunlins, snipe and redshank which are found only in the machair nesting grounds on the Western Isles and, at yes-

terday's launch of the Mink Eradication Scheme — Hebrides (Mesh), the founder, Mark Miller Mundy, said the aim was to kill off the estimated 10,000 mink which roam the islands. It will begin with a "live trapping" programme. Mink caught will be destroyed while other animals such as otters will be released.

"The devastation to gull and tern colonies and to waders from the depredation of mink is sickening and something must be done." Mr Miller Mundy said.

Rob Fuller, from the British Trust for Ornithology, who has studied bird populations on the Western Isles for 20 years, said the Hebridean breeding grounds were among the most important in Eu-

were among the most important in Europe. "It would be a tragedy to see the
breeding birds slaughtered by exotic
predators introduced by man," he said.

So far £10,000 has been raised to fund
initial stages of the campaign which is being co-ordinated through the Game Conservancy Trust. Mike Swan, who is writing a report on the damage caused by
mink, said: "Mink are a terrible problem
throughout Britain, but the damage they
do to the unique bird community on the
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Computer rota saves stress

SHIFT workers' lives can now be made easier by a computerised roster manager capable of planning the perfect rota.

Shiftcheck, a program designed by Lawrence Smith, a psychologist from Leeds University, juggles shift patterns to cause minimum disruption to employees' lives.

Research has shown that poorly thought-out rotas can lead to disturbed sleep cycles. chronic fatigue, irritability and depression. They disrupt

family and social lives, reduce work performance and increase the risk of accidents.

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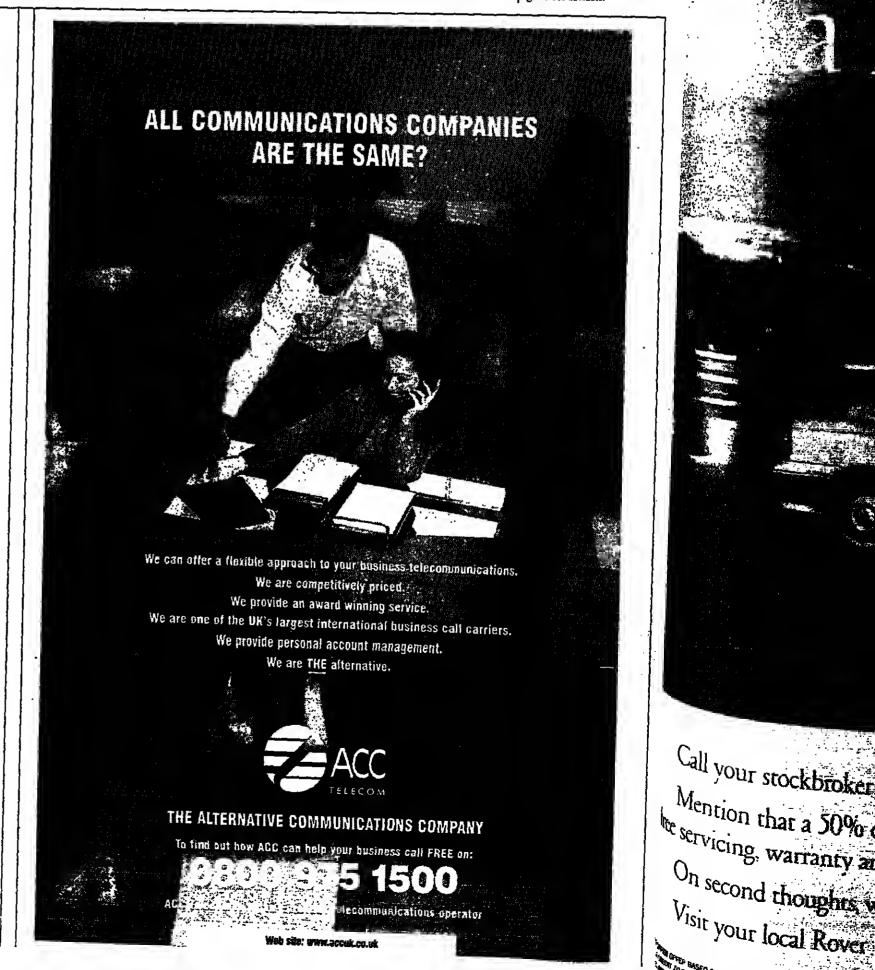
Dr Smith, who designed the program for Merseyside Police, said: "Society has come to rely increasingly on men and women who work outside 'nor-mal' hours. Employers who use Shiftcheck can help to ensure that all is being done to minimise the disruption to their staff." The Shiftcheck CD-Rom is available through University of Leeds Innova-

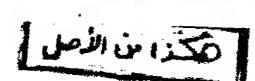
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Mystery at bottom of Queen's secret garden

Unknown species lurk in Buckingham Palace grounds, writes Nick Nuttall

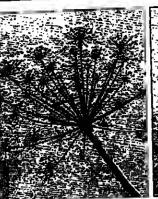
A REMARKABLE range of wildlife has been discovered in the Queen's private gardens in the heart of London.

Surveys by members of the London Natural History Society of the 39 acres of beds. lawns and forest and of the lake, have found that Buckingham Palace Gardens rank among the finest wildlife areas in Britain, with moths, butterflies, plants and ferns. Two previously unknown species of fungi, one found on dead lau-rel leaves and the other growing in profusion in a bed of holly bushes, have been found, to the delight of scientists.

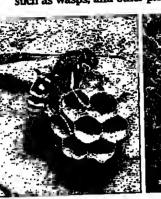
The researchers, who are just completing the report, have also recorded well over 240 species of wild plants including a curious hybrid of the single spotted orchid, a common skullcap, a round-leaved fluellen, a stone parsley, a round-leaved cranesbill and an adder's tongue fern. There are some 1,500 varieties of trees and shrubs.

Nick Radford, of English Nature, the Government's wildlife advisory body, said that there had been found to be more than 100 species of birds. There are at least 20 important breeding species, including great-crested grebe, in the gardens. This is far higher than the number of breeding species in nearby St James's and Green Park combined.

The gardens were first laid out by James 1 with mulberry bushes in 1609, in an attempt



Flora and fauna of Buckingham Palace Gardens: the giant hogweed; the great-crested grebe; insects such as wasps, and other plants such as orchids



took on much of their present appearance in the reign of George IV.

A spokesman for English Nature said that Buckingham Palace Gardens now acted as a viral green area offering a tranquil refuge from where species could move out to other parts of Central London. The success of the birds at

butterfly and moth life. The full findings are likely to show that the five-spot Bur-

teurs, are revealing a wealth of

the gardens is probably partly a result of the absence of cats. The studies by the society, whose members include experts from the Natural History Museum and Kew Gardens as well as enthusiastic ama-

A MAGIC RETREAT SPUN OUT OF SILK

The gardens of Buckingham Palace have their origins in the planting of mulberry bushes by James I (right), who wanted to cultivate silkworms. The garden really blossomed after 1702 when Queen Anne came to the throne and awarded Lord Mulgrave with the title Duke of Buckingham. He built a house and gardens on the site of the present-day palace. Under the advice of Henry Wise, the leading gardener of the day, the

ground was levelled, times planted and a bowling green laid. The house was eventually acquired by George IV. William Aiton, a landscape gardener who tried to respect na-



ture, established spreading lawns and belts of trees. The gardens as seen today owe much to his design. Evergreens were cut back and magnolias and flowering cherries introduced. The present Queen added a sweep of Indian horse chestnuts, Professor David Goode, of the London Ecology Unit, said that the combination of formal areas and wild areas was the explanation for the teeming

wildlife. The botanist David Bellamy found 50 wild plants there that were seen nowhere else in London. He suspects that seeds are inadvertently brought in by guests at garden parties.

net moth. Zygaena trifoli, visits the Palace, as does the rare, tiny gold and purple, Azelea moth Caloptilla azaleela. Professor David Goode, director of the London Ecology Unit, visited the gardens three years ago, during a nature conservation survey for Westminster City Council. He found holly blue butterflies linked with ivy, which overgrows an old police station near the Queen's gallery.

Common blues and commas have also been logged, as has a colony of speckled wood

"To find a colony of speckled woods in the centre of London is quite amazing. The London Natural History Society have had moths traps there; 25 per cent of British moth species have been recorded at times ishing," said Professor Goode.

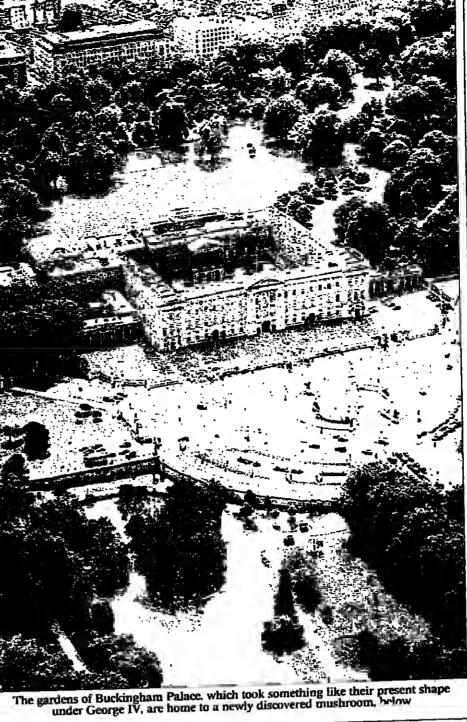
Red darter dragonflies and blue-tailed damselflies have also been recorded. The gardens are a barometer of improvements in air quality since the 1950s cleanair legislation and the closure

of acid rain-emitting power stations at Kingston upon Thames, Fulham and Battersea. David Hawksworth, honorary president of the International Mycological Associa-tion and a member of the Palace Gardens survey team, said that when a comparable surhad been done 30 years ago, only two lichens has heen found. The new research has found 39 lichens, some of which have not been seen in Central London for 200 years.

These include Parmelia caperata, whose tiny, two inch. rosettes were found on trees during the research, and whose presence has not been documented in Central London since the 18th century.

Professor Hawksworth said that the closure of Battersea Power Station, whose low-tyin chimneys had pumped out sulphur dioxide and other furnes over the area, had allowed these lowly life forms, an alliance of fungi and algae. to thrive. It is thought that they have recolonised the gardens after being transported there by birds, attached to

their feathers or claws. However, it is the discovery



of a mushroom about three inches tall and of a leaf-rotting fungus which has set the scientific community alight. The mushroom, which may or may not be edible, has been given the scientific name Panaeolus atrobalteatus. Alick Henrici, a mycologiocal expert with the society, said yester-day: "We found 3,000 of these things in a large bed of holly

bushes. The experts suspect that the spores may have arrived in wood mulch from abroad and that the mushroom may turn out to be thriving in other coun-

Professor Hawksworth, a CBE and a visiting professor at London, Reading and Kent universities who runs MycoNova, a consultancy based in Hendon, North London, said that the second new species had been discovered growing on fallen laurel leaves. It has been named Melanospora pegleri after Dr David Pegler. a former Kew Garden fungi scientist who has also been in

The fungi is yellowish orange and appears as pimples on rotting leaves.

Professor Hawksworth said that the discovery of the two new species might have medical as well as scientific importance. Fungi have been used to produce many drugs, from penicillin to cyclosporin. In to-tal, 700 species of fungi have been found at Buckingham Palace Gardens.



Riddle of the plant with no name

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

NEW species of fern has been discovered in limestone rocks and crevices in the Wye Valley and South Wales. The plant, which is yet to be named, has been unearthed by a team at the Natural History Museum in London.

The species, which has 4in fronds, was thought to be a hybrid or a variety of another fern called Asplenium csikki, which was first identified in 1989 growing on rocks and castle walls in Wales, including Chepstow. Genetic analysis combined with a study of its appearance and ecology has revealed that the one in the Wye valley is different enough to be a new species. Mary Gibby, who made the find with Fred Rumsey and Johannes Vogel, said they were very excited by the discovery. They will check herbariums and old books to ensure there are no Victorian records and descriptions of a similar fern before giving it a Latin

News of the fern will be announced today at the publication of The Web of Life: A Strategy for Systematic Biology in the United Kingdom. This covers the discovery, description and naming of plants, animals and fossils. There is a worldwide push to collect and chronicle species and to find new ones for uses in indus-

dtry, food and medicines. Stephen Blackmore, of the museum, who chairs the expert group covering systematics, said that it was " a great British strength". Studies indicate that there are 7,000 experts in the field worldwide, with 10 per cent in Britain. The new strategy aims to boost the numbers of children and graduates skilled in the field while increasing links with the developing world, which is believed to have the most new species awaiting discovery.

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Civil servants put on their thinking caps

Valerie Elliott on how Edward de Bono is teaching education officials to make better use of their minds

CIVIL servants at the Depart-ment of Education and Employment are to have lessons in thinking, to develop bright ideas on schools and jobs.

Michael Bichard, the departmeni's Permaneni Secretary and the most unor hodox mandarin in Whitehall, has called in Edward de Bono, the international guru of creative thinking, to instruct staff of all grades how to make better use of their minds. More than 200 officials crammed into a room for 120 to hear Dr de Bono explain his theories and, from next month, 70 staff have signed up for a crash course in laieral thinking and decision- making under his Six Thinking Hats

This does not signal a return to bowler hats as required ac-cessories in Whitehall, but in future Dr de Bono's white. red, black, yellow, green and blue hats will be metaphorically de rigueur. Mr Bichard

THOUGHT POWER GOES TO HIS HEAD

Dr de Bono asked The Times 10 photograph him with a pot plant on his head. He said: Normally you would never take such a photo. I thought we should make a point of that. It is showing ideas coming out of my head and it symbolises the value and the richness of ideas." Simon Brooke-Webb, the photographer, said: "One of the first lessons of photography is to avoid making objects look as if they are coming out of someone's skull. He seems to be turning a number of accepted princi-



hopes to set up more workshops later next year after monitoring the pilots.

The strategy is a direct response to Tony Blair's call to senior officials to be more creative, less hierarchecal and to take more risks.

It is also preparing the ground for civil servants to work more closely across government with colleagues in other departments. Instead of defending their own fieldom in Whitehall and starting the traditional departmental turf wars, officials in future are to work together constructively on a whole range of policy is-At his Piccadilly home last

night, Dr de Bono, 65, said that he had been "very impressed" by the willingness of officials to learn new tricks. Af-ter advising world leaders and multinational companies for many years, he was delighted that the Government had asked him for help. The aim, he said, was for

them to move away from an adversarial approach where they used meetings to try to score points.

The key was to instil "paral-



Edward de Bono: "We do not do enough thinking about what can be. England is far behind in all this"

to use his six hats during meetings. White hat is to cover facts and figures, to define needs and gaps. Red hat allows people to express feelings, emo-tions and instincts. Black hat is for judgment and caution and to say why a suggestion will not work. Yellow hat looks at benefits and why a project would work. Green hat is a time to consider other solutions, alternatives and chang-

and control of the process. Dr de Bono said: "This system takes the ego out of meetings and it certainly speeds up decisions.

HATS OFF TO DE BONO: HOW THE GURU OF CREATIVE THINKING SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING SOME COLOUR INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

es. Blue hat is the overview

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public servants a year are taught my techniques."

One of the key priorities of

the department is to reduce classroom sizes in schools. Dr de Bono said that this was precisely the type of issue that would be addressed by a creative task force. "We do not do enough thinking about what can be. When we are solving a problem, we ask what is the cause and how to get rid of the cause. But we must often design a way forward with the cause in place. England really is far behind in all this and Mr

Bichard really is excellent to take this forward." He is also convinced that

help people into jobs. He gave the example of two job clubs in Australia dealing with deaf young people. The average placement for the clubs was 45 per cent but the youngsters were given six hours of de

per cent and even 95 per cent. His system also takes the heat out of situations. It has been used at a correctional centre for young offenders in California and also at a Lonrhoowned platinum mine. Dr de Bono said: "There were major problems with the African workers in the mine. They

Bono thinking lessons and the

placement rates went up to 70

were fights and disputes but, after being taught the system. the stoppages reduced from 210 to four a month."

The creative-thinking lessons are just one of a series of initiatives driven by Mr Bichard at the department. He has already scrapped automatic first-class rail ocket for senior officials, has developed regular phone-ins for staff to call in their grievances, and has planned a series of lunchtime leadership sessions when outsiders address staff.

A dock worker's son from Southampton, Mr Bichard is the only Permanent Secretary to have won his job by open

Man with more than a penny for his thoughts

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

EDWARD DE BONO is a cult figure in developing tricks to sharpen the mind. He says that his hobbies are toys and thinking, and he has identified games, puzzles and tricks to stimulate new thinking to speed up decisions and find im-

aginaove solutions. On the Internet, there are more than four million references to his work and it would take a devotee 30 working years to access every reference. For many psychologists, his works are like bibles and he has set up an international network of 600 accredited instructors to teach his theories to governments, companies

and major institutions. Dr de Bono, 65, is Maltese and first came to Britain as a Rhodes Scholar. Since then he has held academic appointments at Oxford, Cambridge, London and Harvard. His supremecy in mind works was first recognised in 1967 when he published The Use Of Lateral Thinking. This was quickly followed by The Mechanism of the Mind, which offers ba-sic principles now central to the development in the latest

neuro-computers. He said of his Six Thinking Hats system: "Without wishing to boast, this is the first new way of thinking to be developed for 2,400 years since the days of Plato, Socrates and

Aristotle."

He has also developed a form of poetry called Bonto, in which the first line is an action, the second the reason for the action, the third a consequence of the action, and the fourth an appropriate philosophical reflection. For example: "Max danced on the table/ to show that he was able/the table soon gave way/showing

One of his key concepts is summarised by Dr de Bono as: "You can't dig a hole in a different place by digging the

same hole deeper." His latest book was How To Be More Interesting - a difficult feat for Dr de Bono himself. He has a minor planet named after him, Edebono, and he owns islands in three

were illiterate and came from lel thinking" and for officials Singapore, where up to 1,000 new thinking techniques will competition. seven different tribes. There

THE chairman of a meeting, wearing the blue "control" hat, may direct the flow of thought by calling for particular bats. If creativity is needed to find new alternatives, he might say: "I leet we should do some more green-hat thinking." If someone is very critical of an idea. another person could say: That's great black-hat thinking. Now let's try some yellow." The emotional red bat could say: "I think that's a terrible idea," while the logical white hat may say: "Let's drop the argument and look at the facts."

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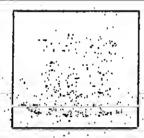
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RED HAT (Feelings, hunches and intuition): legitimises emotions and feelings, such as fears, likes, dislikes, loves and hates. The opposite of neutrality and objectivity. Keeps it short, has no need to give reasons. Allows exploration of the feelings of others.



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Herzog seeks to banish shadows of bitter past

ROMAN HERZOG, President of Germany, arrives in Britain tomorrow in the middle of a new anti-German feeding frenzy, but seems relaxed about the prospect. "I think you have to distinguish between what sometimes appears in the tabloid press and reality," he told The Times in an interview in his Berlin residence. Schloss Bellevue.

The Sun, overlooking more obvious candidates, such as Carlos the Jackal or Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish rebel, last week identified Oskar Lafontaine, the German Finance Minister, as "the most dangerous man in Europe". To many Germans this seemed rather more than a tabloid prank: as the euro approaches, the search is on in Britain for a bogeyman, a successor to

Jacques Delors (as in "Up Yours, Delors").
The choice of a German mastermind, the menacing front-page photograph and the phrasing of the text came a little too close to black wartime propaganda for the tastes of Germans. "Huge numbers of Germans visit Britain every year, large numbers of English people go to Germany and they can paint their own picture." said the President. 'That is much more important, especially among the young, than the occasional exaggerations of the tabloid press."

That is, of course, how Presidents are sup-

Roger Boyes speaks to the German President before his state visit and finds him philosophical about the British media's image of his country

mudslinging public debate. But the bluff former law professor (who made his name as head of the Constitutional Court) has highlighted an abiding problem: the gap between a hostile public image of Germany and the obvious sympathy felt by the politi-cal classes of both countries. "I doubt whether the tabloids really express the views of a nation - and that applies to the German press as well as the British."

Yet in the era of Margaret Thatcher there was broad harmony between the tabloid depiction of Germany (in particular Helmut Kohl's ambitions for Europe) and the Prime Minister's emotional assessment of the risks posed by the newly united country. Although John Major tried to remove some of the sting from the relationship. Germany remained a tabloid bugbear, if only because the argument over the European future was the fault-line running through the Conservative Party. The climate

posed to speak: at a register well above the changed with the arrival of Tony Blair and the decline of Helmut Kohl. Anglo-German diplomats hailed this as a new dawn - Gerhard Schröder's fanciful promise of a Franco-German-British entente was taken almost seriously. Then came The Sun.

The state visit has the aim of pointing the relationship in the right direction. "Despite all the differences in historical experience and in our national characters, Germans and British have an excellent relationship." Through Nato, through Europe, the Britons and Germans have grown together in quite remarkable ways, said the President.

The Second World War and the Nazi past weigh on the President, but not because it burdens the Anglo-German relationship. Rather, it is the need to find a new language for the countries' collective memo-The generation that personally experienced the war and the Nazi time is dying out ... so we have a central task in Germany - to keep alive the memory of the dicta-

torship and the totalitarian state so that all future generations have the will and the ability to prevent a repetition."

To underline this point he recently awarded one of Germany's highest medals to Steven Spielberg, director of the film Schin-

The key, he says, to securing the Anglo-German relationship is to "spark the curiosity" of the young. The President's trip includes several encounters with English and Scottish young people. A charity tennis match is planned between Boris Becker and Greg Rusedski, proceeds going to children in Northern Ireland.

Herr Herzog wants to take issue with one further diche, this one propagated by the British broadsheets. In their view, Germany is a hopelessly rigid, overregulated and self-indulgent society. In fact, says the President, Germany has undergone rapid social and industrial change since he came to office in 1994. "I have made a good living out of being underestimated. That gives you a very good tactical position. I would recommend our British friends not to underestimate the Germans in a similar way."

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Grey power tries to defrock 'mayoress'

TWO years ago the inhabitants of this small town in eastern Germany elected a mayor. They wound up with a "mayoress". Yesterday they were deciding whether they had been short-changed.

Norbert Lindner, 40. a father of two, faced a special election to remove him from office, brought by citizens who were outraged in June when he switched from trousers to dresses and began calling himself Michaela.

After years of repressing a desire to be a woman, Herr Lindner has confided, he began making furtive trips to the transvestite clubs of Frankfurt. Then, about a year ago, he began hormone treatments. In two years, he says, he will undergo a sex change

operation. He has, he says, two daughters. But yesterday it was the help of Quellendorfs 5,000 citizens that he needed. His main support seemed to be with younger voters, who like him because cent of the voters to sack him.

Herr Lindner has the support of his party, East Germany's former ruling communist-turned-socialist Party of Democratic Socialism, who ner loses, he will leave Germ-

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN QUELLENDORF, GERMANY

the support of his wife and be built a social club. Older residents, who forced the poll, will need at least 30 per

called the vote "degrading discrimination". If Herr Lindany. "Quellendorf will become synonymous with either tolerance or intolerance." he

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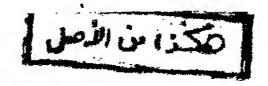
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This week almost a year of tethargy on European affairs and push the fast-forward bunon. A bilateral summit with the French in Potsdam today begins a heetic phase of European diplomacy. Employment and finance

Ministers meet tomorrow to put the finishing touches to a "pact for jobs" and the preparation for the introduction of the euro in January is in full swing. Meanwhile, the German Government is dusting off ideas for a European constitution and considering ways of beefing up Europol. the cross-border police intelligence network.

Little of this is new or surprising. Apart from the jobs pact, most of Bonn's current European strategy could have been drafted by Helmut Kohl's unpopular guru, Joachim Bitterlich.

When the Chancellor. Gerhard Schröder, actually says something concrete declaring, for example, the euro to be a first step towards deeper political integration — listeners take note, although he quite plainly has no interest in a European superstate. Herr Schröder is no great

European visionary, but he has noted that the pace of change in Europe is suddenly being dictated by his rival, the Finance Minister, Oskar Lafontaine, and the French Finance Minister. Dominique Strauss-Kahn. Indeed, for a few weeks

after the election it seemed it Herr taken over France's European strategy lock, stock and barrel. Differences have since emerged and M Strauss-Kahn has adopted the role of tutor to his German colleague, explaining what can and cannot be done in Europe

The appeals for fixed exchange-rate target zones. the public battering of central banks, has all but stopped. But French and German ministers are firm on tax harmonisation.

No wonder that Herr Schröder wants to put his





BY ROGER BOYES

stamp on European policy as quickly as possible. On Wednesday he will set out the goals of the German presidency, which starts on January I, and it is plain that by the close of play next summer institutional Europe will have undergone a remarkable transformation. But he cannot match Herr Lafontaine's intimacy with France.

President Chirac and his Prime Minister. Lionel Jospin, remain strangers. The French President, for example, has taken a shine to Tony Blair's ideas for a Europe-an defence identity. Since the French view a British initiative on Europe as a contradictioo in terms, M Chirac will try this week to broaden the move, making it a Franco-German-British plan. Herr Schröder has talked of a triple entente between Paris, Bonn and London - so why not start with a defence-foreign policy initiative and give it a certain

Gallic flavour? has obscured the fact that France and Germany now approach Europe from entirely different positions. If the euro did not exist, there would hardly be anything left for Bonn and Paris to talk about

The relationship aged quickly in the final year of Herr Kohl's reign and has yet to demonstrate that it is soon as the Paris-Bonn dialogue shifts from grand projects to detail, the tone becomes cool and distant.

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Britain to crown rebuilt Dresden church

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHEN President Herzog of Germany arrives at Windsor Castle tomorrow to begin a four-day state visit to Britain, he will be shown a potent symbol of reconciliation between two once-warring nations.

On display in the castle quadrangle will be an t8ft-high gilded orb and cross, a gift from the British people in memory of one of the most devastating air raids of the war, and intended as the crowning glory of one of the biggest archaeological reconstruction projects ever attempted. Weighing nearly

tonnes, the stainless steel and copper decoration will eventually be installed nearly 300ft above the ground in the centre of Dresden, the pinnacle of the rebuilt Frauenkirche, once a great Baroque church.

This weekend the decoration has been receiving its finishing touches in the central London workshops of Grant Macdonald, the goldsmith charged with making an exact copy of the original which was found, battered and bent, in the postwar ruins.

On the night of February 13. 1945, waves of British bombers under the direction of Arthur Harris razed the city known for its exquisite architecture as the Florence of the Elbe. Apart from the great loss of life, Dresden's destruction was one of the great cultural losses of the war.

One of its jewels was the Frauenkirche, completed in 1743 and with a stone dome rivalled in size only by those of

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Grant Macdonald, a goldsmith, works on the new cross for the Dresden Frauenkirche, the Baroque masterpiece destroyed in February 1945

St Paul's in London and St Peter's in Rome, The blackened rubble of the church was left for decades as it fell, a memorial to Allied blitzkrieg.

After unification, the Feder-

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al Government in Bonn, in a gesture to the newly absorbed but poorer east, offered financial help to rebuild

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sources, including the British-based Dresden Trust, which 6 Of all Germany's historic cities Dresden suffered the most?

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has donated £300,000 to pro-

vide the topmost feature. There is a certain symbolism in the nation that knocked the church down paying for the highest point of its recon-

struction. Alan Russell, chairman of the Dresden Trust. said yesterday: "Of all Germ-any's historic cities, Dres-den suffered the most. After re-unification, the German Government thought

that the Frauenkirche was very deserving of a big gesture." Mr Russell's trust continues to collect money for

the church. The orb and cross will tour several British cathedrals, beginning with Coventry next week, before being handed over to Dresden in



Allied bombing raids reduced Dresden to ruins

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Chile and Britain deny deal to free **Pinochet**

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE British and Chilean Governments denied yesterday that they had done a deal to release Augusto Pinochet from custody in exchange for a guarantee that he would face trial

But as Jack Straw continued to consider whether to authorise extradition proceedings against the former dictator. senior ministers admitted that if it could be shown that General Pinochet would face justice on his return, criticism of any decision by the Home Secre-

STRAW'S DILEMMA

tary to allow him to go might be softened.

Mr Straw is looking at the issue in his quasi judicial role, but compassion is a possible ground for refusing proceedings for his extradition to

ment with Chile and the position was unchanged from last

José Miguel Insulza, Chile's Foreign Minister, also denied that he was negotiating a deal. "I wouldn't say that we were making any deals or we're going through any negotiations.
Actually we have not had negotiations saying: 'give him back to us and we will try him'," he

told BBC television. The Conservatives yesterday backed Senor Insulza's call for General Pinochet to be allowed home to face trial. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Home Secretary, said Mr Straw should use his discretion to bring the proceedings to an end.

It was entirely understandable that the Chilean Government felt that prolonged legal action in Britain was challenging Santiago's sovereignty. Lord Lamont, the former



Cabinet minister, also argued that the former dictator should be allowed to go home.

"I think that to extradite General Pinochet will be a signal to every other dictator in the world never to hand over ver to democracy again," he said in an ITV interview with Jonathan Dimbleby.

Stressing his condemnation of torture and abuse of human rights, he said: "I think this is ernment and the Chilean people to settle. They have their own particular reasons for wanting to do so."

General Pinochet, 83, was arrested in a London clinic on October 16 following a request from two Spanish judges who want him to face charges of murder, torture and genocide.

He was granted bail on November 17 on condition that he remained under police guard,

don clinic where he is recovering from back surgery

Although he denied that a deal was in the making, Senor Insulza said a trial in Chile offered the best hope of justice. He had previously asked the British authorities to free the general because of his age and

the poor state of his health. "I believe, in Spain or in Britain or anywhere else, you would only get a symbolic jus-

able to find out or really investigate what really happened in Chile." Señor Insulza said. ☐ Cartagena, Colombia: Min-

isters of defence from across the Americas were expected to focus on human rights as well as global arms issues at a three-day summit due to open here yesterday. Regional security was high on the agenda.

World terrorism and the drugs trade will also be disthird of its kind since 1995. Colombia's Defence Minister Rodrigo Lloreda was due to open the event last night with a dinner for participants.

Participants at the summit included ministers from all major Latin nations and Canada, and some 300 aides and assistants. William Cohen, US Defence Secretary, was also

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Santiago sceptical about * trial at home

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From Gabriella Gamini IN SANTIAGO

A TRIAL in Chile for General Augusto Pinochet on human rights charges has been ruled out by key figures in the country's judiciary, the Christian Democrat-led coalition Government ernment, the still powerful armed forces, and the political

Opposition. News that José Miguel Insulza, the Foreign Minister, is in London negotiating a secret

LEGAL BARRIER

deal with the British Govern-ment that entails a trial of the general in Chile in exchange for his release, was received with incredulity in Santiago.

What we could envisage, eventually, is that General Pinochet will no longer be all lowed an active role in state affairs and that he spends the rest of his days with his grand-children," said an official close to President Frei.

"But the likelihood of Chile ever bringing him to trial is non-existent. We have made a pact with the aged general to let him off in exchange for the modern and economically thriving nation we bave inherited from him."

Similarly, right-wing and left-wing senators, military officials, and even opposition party representatives, reject the possibility of judging the former general in a Santiago court for abuses of human rights. We have already committed outselves to turn a blind eye to errors that might have been committed during the military regime, there is no going back," said Senator Enrique Zurita, a former Supreme Court judge.

Politicians from all sides see Señor Insulza's proposal to consider trying the former dic-tator in his home country merely as a "last-ditch attempt to get the general home.

For General Pinochet to be tried in Chile, he would have to be stripped of the immunity against charges of human rights abuses that he enshrined in the Constitution ber

British firms count cost of endangered contracts

By Joanna Bale

BRITISH firms with investments in Chile are hoping that Jack Straw will resolve the political storm over General Pinochet as soon as

BAT, the tobacco and finance giant, Unilever, the foods and household products company, Coats Viyella, the garments and textiles firm, and Royal & Sun Alliance, the insurance company, are among the major companies who fear their business will be affected

by the Chilean Government's anger at the House of Lords ruling that the former dictator could be extradited to Spain. A spokesman for Royal & Sun Al-

liance, which last year spent £75 million on a 40 per cent stake in La Construcción, a Chilean insurance company, said: "We hope that the situation involving General Pinochet is resolved as quickly as possible." Britain's exports to Chile totalled

£210.5 million last year, and are dominated by specialised machinery and whisky. General Pinochet's **BUSINESS INTERESTS**

supporters in Chile have already called an unofficial boycott of British goods such as whisky and Eoglish mustard. The UK runs a trade deficit with Chile amounting to £184 million in 1997 and £113 million so far this year.

The tense political situation has also forced the Royal Navy to can-cel a visit by one of its frigates to the Chilean port of Valparaiso. Britain's honorary consul has also tem-

porarily ceased her duties at the port, Chile's second largest city, where HMS Sutherland was to have joined a naval fair.

A Ministry of Defence spokes-man said the frigate, with a crew of 174, was withdrawn from the Expo Naval fair at the suggestion of the Chilean authorities. The city's con-sulate — one of five that Britain has in Chile - was closed as a "contingency" measure following the in-

row over moves to extradite General Pinochet to Spain, the Foreign Office said. 'This is not a question of removing anybody or closing down consulate buildings or offices," said a Foreign Office spokesman. "This person lives and works in the area. But her office, as far as the British work she does has been closed."

work she does, has been closed." However, a trip to Chile by near-ly 2.000 British Scouts will go ahead despite Foreign Office advice against oon-essential travel. The teenagers are due to take part in a . Latin America with disbelief.

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10-day World Scout Jamboree in late December. They have each paid £2,300 to joio in the event, held in different parts of the world every four years, it will attract 28,000 Scouts from

140 countries. Tony Burke, a tractor exporter, said he had lost a huge cootract

with Chile since the general's ar-rest. He said he viewed the Government's "incompetence" in getting embroiled in a situation with one of the UK's best trading partners in

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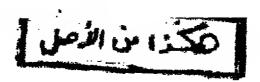
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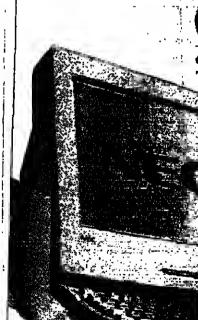
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Texas police hunt death row fugitive

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A DRAGNET of 500 police and state troopers combed dense woods for a third day yesterday looking for a killer who made the first escape from death row in Texas since a member of Bonnie and Clyde's gang broke out 64 years agn.

Bloodhounds, helicopters with night-sights, boats and mounted police were all pressed into the hunt for Martin Gurule, 29, who made a daring getaway under a hail of guards bullets from the death-row prison near Huntsville early on Friday. Six other inmates also making a break for freedom surrendered when the guards started shooting.

It's just a maner of time before he's caught." said Larry Fitzgerald, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Officials directing the search were confident that Gurule was still in the rough. marshy woods. They set up a perimeter at the eight-mile mark, convinced he could not have run any further. The



Gurule: raced 75 yards under fire from guards

searchers thought they had a solid lead when a homeowner four miles east of the prison fired shots at an intruder, but the man was not Gurule.

Officials said the fugitive was dangerous, although they had no reason to believe he was armed. He was sentenced to death for killing the owner and a chef at a restaurant during a robbery.

The escape plan was

planned meoculously and staged at the end of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday. At 8pm, the seven would-be escapers fashioned dummies out of pillows and

beds to fool the guards into thinking they were asleep. They donned long underwear they had dyed black with felt on pens to make them more difficult to see in the dark.

At 8.15 they were let into a recreation yard, a privilege ac-corded to prisoners who work in a unique factory that is operated on death row in Texas. Before they were due back, they managed to peel back a por-tion of a chain-link fence, allowing them into another yard where they climbed on to a

Unmissed, they lay low for the next four hours until 12.20. when they crawled across the roof, jumped to the ground and tried to race across 75 yards to the perimeter fences. Tower guards noticed the movement and began firing, stopping all but Gurule in their tracks. He sprinted on. somehow clearing two toft fences topped with razor wire. There was no blood to indicate that the guards had winged

Texas has the busiest death row in America with 454 pri-



Mounted police and tracker dogs search near Huntsville, Texas, for Martin Gurule, 29, the state's first death-row immate to escape for 64 years

soners, of whom 17 have been executed by lethal injection this year. An inquiry has been ordered into the escape. Initially it will focus on whether the men had inside help and if the prison was undermanned because of the holiday. Meanwhile, the escape had

Warren Beatty in the 1967 film Bonnie and Chyde. The couple broke into a prison near Huntsville in 1934

reporters dusting off records

of Bonnie Parker and Clyde

Barrow, a couple of back-woods bank robbers who were

played by Paye Dunaway and

with guns blazing. They shot and killed two guards and released Barrow's cousin, Ray-mond Hamilton, who was serving a sentence of 263 years. He was recaptured and sentenced to death but escaped

and Clyde, who by then had murdered 12 people and elud-ed many a posse, met their end when lawmen armed with submachine guns riddled the couple's bodies as they sat in a car from death row before being on a lonely rural track. caught again and executed. As for the Gurule hunt, Mr

Fitzgerald, the prison spokes-man, explained why officials were so sure he would be found: They make all sorts of plans for what might happen inside the prison. But then they find themselves standing

Speed trap puts town up the creek | Quebec separatists expect victory

NO MOTORIST could learn the fate of Mack's Creek without a deep sense of satisfaction. With a population of 272, it is a dot on a back road of Missouri that worked up a nice little earner in issuing traffic tickets to the travelling public.

Four zealous police, armed with radar guns, lay in wait for tourists and others driving through to the Lake of the Ozarks or taking the scenic route to Kansas City. Anyone exceeding the 45 mph speed limit

by so much as a mile was pulled over. The limit dropped suddenly from 55 to 45 on a downhill stretch at either end of Mack's Creek. Slowing down quickly was tricky, almost dangerous. That was not all. Motorists were fined for failing to signal a turn, for grazing the white line at the roadside, for driving too close to an-

other vehicle, and for overtaking.

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

- all were lucrative game. Patrol cars screeching after unsuspecting motorists left so many skid marks on the church car park that the vicar complained. Once an officer threatened to give the local grocer, George Palmer, a ticket for riding his horse with no rear light.

In one year, police wrote nearly 3,000 tickets. Fines were producing \$165,000 (£100,000) annually, three quarters of the town's revenue. Then one day the police stopped a state lawmaker, Delbert Scott.

Big mistake. Enraged, he pushed a new law through the Missouri legislature limiting the amount of income generated by traffic tickets to 45 per cent of a city's total revenue. Cheering lawmakers voted overwhelmingly for the measure.

Mr Scott said: The place was a speed

trap. There was nothing subtle about it.

bery." Today Mack's Creek is bankrupt. The radar guns and patrol cars have been sold or repossessed. The four police, their salaries paid by the fines, have been let go. City Hall has been turned into an old people's club. A state audit found fault with the city's books. About \$165,000 is owed to the Government. Tax authorities have seized the last \$8,500 in the city's bank account.

Local folk blame the former mayor, but he has not been charged with wrongdoing. Otherwise, everyone is happy, "We' re better off without them," said Mr Palmer, who narrowly evaded arrest for suggesting where the police officer might install a rear light on the horse. "The police here didn't watch over the town. They watched the road and that's all they did." County police now patrol the road. But so

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FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

Bouchard: favourite to win

VOTERS in Quebec go to the er, who was seen as the Messipolls today in a provincial election that is expected to return the separatist Parti Québecois Government of Lucien Bouchard by a large majority, setting the stage for an early referendum on Quebec's sovereign-

ty within two years.
Only a month ago, when the campaign began, observers fully expected Mr Bouchard's Government to be turfed out of office by the new Liberal leader, Jean Charest.

The federal business establishment in Canada had forced out the previous Liberal leader, Daniel Johnson, and replaced him with M Charest,

In the meantime, Bonnie

with unions, When Mr Charest said: "It is time that ah who would defeat the separatist forces. But the 36-day Quebec changes direction," election campaign was a disas-Mr Bouchard countered with a vow of stability and softened ter for the federalists from the outset; indeed, M Charest had his party's separatist line. Mr Charest began the camnot even wanted to return paign five percentage points ahead of Mr Bouchard, but it from Ottawa.

Mr Bouchard's social demo-cratic administration was un-der pressure after slashing budgets and alienating the trade unions, but Mr Charest gradually evaporated. He appeared to be an outsider, a federal politician who had spent 14 years in Ottawa and was unfailed to exploit this. He offendable to grasp the political subed the unions by promising Conservative reforms, modelled on Thatcherism and featuring hospital closures and reductions in welfare payments.

tleties of his native province. In the latest poll, published Saturday, the Parti Québecois had 46.3 per cent of voters, the Liberals 41.5 per cent and the right-wing Action Democra-This allowed Mr Bouchard

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Lebanon on alert for more Israeli attacks

LEBANON placed its forces on alert yesterday and called on the International Committee of the Red Cross to remain on standby as the bitterly divided Israeli security Cabinet began a review of its military policy in occupied southern Lebanon.

The moves followed a night of heavy Israeli shelling of the positions of pro-Iranian Hez-bollah (Party of God) guerrillas launched in response to the killing of seven Israeli soldiers in ambushes over the past two

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, who cut short a trip to Europe to supervise the emergency policy review, refused to comment on what action Israel would take, but many politicians have called for retaliation.

Previewing the meeting. which opened amid mounting pressure for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from the ninemile-wide buffer zone it has ocNetanyahu faces stark choices as

death toll rises, Christopher

Walker writes

cupied inside southern Lebanon since 1985, Zeev Schiff, a defence analyst, pinpointed the stark choices facing the

"Israel faces three alternatives: stepping up the fighting and extending it also to north Lebanon and against the Syrians; implementing a unilateral withdrawal from southern Lebanon with all of the dangers it entails; or entering into negotiations with Damascus on both the Golan Heights and south Lebanon," he wrote in the daily Haaretz.

sult of the army's failure to bring about a decisive victory in a border war which many Israelis refer to as "Israel's Vietnam", Israel now finds itself in "a strategic quagmire".

Even as the ministers were meeting in Jerusalem, noisy pro-withdrawal demonstrators were gathered outside in what was one of a series of protests led by the pressure group "Four Mothers Movement to Leave Lebanon".

A statement released by Lin-

da Ben-Zvi, a founder mem-ber, said: "We call on the

media to cover the story so that the public will be aware of the growing numbers of Israeli citizens who are sick of the bloodshed and who demand immediate action by the Government to withdraw unilaterally from southern Lebanon." Support for withdrawal to the border cut across the political divide. Among those in fa-

vour were the leftwingers Shi-

mon Peres and Yossi Beilin



Israeli settlers protest after they were evicted from a house in a West Bank village near Ramallah yesterday

and the right-wing Cabinet hawk Ariel Sharon, who as the then Defence Minister was chief architect of the 1982 inva-

There were signs that Mr Sharon, 70, was picking up

Cabinet support for his plan for a gradual withdrawal originally outlined in March and opposed by Yitzhak Mordechai, the current Defence Minister, and many of the top military brass who believe

that it could drag Israel into a new full-scale war with Lebanon and Syria.

Mr Mordechai, who held top-level discussions with army chiefs on Saturday night, claims Israel cannol

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South Africa in the first two

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Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy

President, became the latest victim yesterday of confusion

over the procedure and where

to register. His staff found he had been allocated the wrong

registration office in Pretoria.

After he had been directed

to the right one, he said he was

confident that the registration

On Friday, President Man-

dela also went to the wrong

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The Independent Electoral

Commission (IEC), a govern-

ment-funded body, has set up

the provinces of Gauteng.

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leave Lebanon unilaterally unless prior security arrangeand Syria oppose this, saying that the key United Nations Resolution 425 requires Israel to leave without conditions.

On election day, expected to be

May 19, voters will be able to

cast their votes only in areas

where they have registered.

Judge Johann Kriegler.

head of the IEC, said at a week-

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Son held over 'lost' family

Rome: Police at Rome airport arrested a 36-year-old Italian man as he arrived on a flight from London and charged him with murdering his father. mother and brother nine years ago (Richard Owen writes). Ferdinando Carretta was identified in London in October. His father. Giuseppe, 62, van-ished in August 1989 with his wife Marta, 58, and their other son Nicola, 22, They left their home in Parma in a camper van but were never seen again.

Harare bar

Harare: President Mu-. gabe has banned Zimba-bwe's unions from any kind of action against the Government as he tries to crush unprecedented opposition to his regime.

Rescue bid

Sydney: A third rescue attempt is to be made to save an Australian, Japanese and Russian trapped by blizzards on a remote Siberian island before the film crew's food runs out.(AFP) Iraq trip

tion on whether he would join the dissidents, Barzan al-Tikriti, half-brother of President Saddam Hussein, left here for Jordan and later fraq. (AP)

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Delhi: India's frail Hindu nationalist-led Govern-ment was sbaken by disastrous election results in key state polls, with defeats raising the prospect of a general election early next year.

Turks die

Ankara: The Turkish Army confirmed that PKK rebels had shot down a Turkish helicopter in which at least 16 soldiers were killed and one was injured. (AFP)

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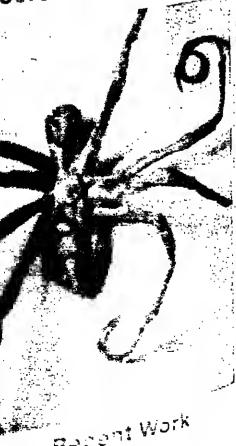
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Bokassa's son falls from riches to rags

FROM BEN MACINITYRE IN PARIS

THE son of Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the brutal African dictator who spent \$10 million on his coronation as self-styled Emperor of the Central African Republic, is now homeless, jobless and penniless on the streets of Paris.

Charlemagne Bokassa, 28, is one of 30 children fathered by Jean-Bedel Bokassa, who was deposed in 1979 and later tried and imprisoned. The former Emperor was freed in 1993 and died in the Central Afnean Republic's capital. Bangui, two years ago. Charlemagne was seven

when his father had himself proclaimed Emperor in the course of one of the most bloody and lavish regimes ever seen. The diamond, ruby and emerald crown created for



Bokassa spent £16 million on his own 'coronation'

Bokassa's wedding cost £2.5 million alone. Charlemagne was educated in Switzerland and grew up in

ther robbed his "imperial sub-jects". But when Bokassa was finally toppled, many mem-bers of his vast family, including Charlemagne, found them-selves desotute.

He now lives at a homeless helter known as The People's Palace, and spends his days in public parks, bus shelters and on Metro stations in Paris. He has no contact with his 13 brothers and 17 sisters by various mothers, and claims his relatives have swindled him out of a share in the stolen Bokassa fortune.

Charlemagne's unhappy existence was revealed as a Franco-African summit, attended by 34 African heads of state, came to an end in Paris: his fate a vivid illustration of how swiftly poliocal fortunes can change in Africa, for even the most powerful despot.



Penniless Charlemagne Bokassa, one of 14 sons of Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the corrupt dictator who ruled the Central African Republic with terror before being overthrown in 1979, spends his days on the streets of Paris instead of in palaces in Africa and expensive schools in Switzerland

Annan brokers Congo ceasefire at Paris summit

By Ben Macintyre

FEL DING African states involved in the rebellion in the Democrade Republic of the Congo agreed to a ceasefire at the Franco-African summit in Paris over the weekend, although rebels anempong to overthrow Laurent Kabila, the Congo Republic's President, yesterday vowed to continue fighdng.

Late on Saturday, President Chirac of France announced that Uganda, Rwanda and Congo had agreed to end hostilides, with a preliminary agreement to be signed around December 8.

Rwanda and Uganda are backing the insurgency, while Zimbabwe, Angola, Chad and Namibia have supported President Kabila in the four-month The Congolese rebels were

not formally invited to the summit, but a rebel observer was sent to Paris. The ceasefire was brokered by Kofi Annan, the United Na-

tions Secretary-General, after protracted negociations which M Chirac described as tense but not hostile. "They committed themselves to accepong an immediate end to hostilioes," Mr Annan said, before adding sceptically: "I hope they do not change their minds at once".

Mr Kabila, who came to power last year and renamed Zaire the Democratic Republic of Congo after toppling veteran dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. spoke to a supporters' rally outside his Paris hotel on Saturday night and called for Uganda and Rwanda to withdraw support for the insurgents. who already control most of northeast Congo.

The rebels, made up of disaf-

fected army units and ethnic Tutsi insurgents, have accused Mr Kabila of tribalism and corruption. The Congolese President has also been accused of human rights abuses. but France stressed that he was protected by diplomace immunity while in Paris. ☐ Genocide warning: A UN "profoundly shocking" rebirth of the Hutu army that massacred hundreds of thousands of people in Rwanda in 1994 (writes James Bone in New York). The four-member commission of inquiry, set up to invesogate breaches of a UN

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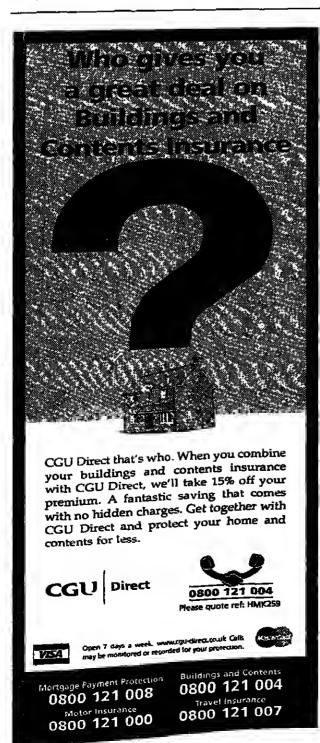
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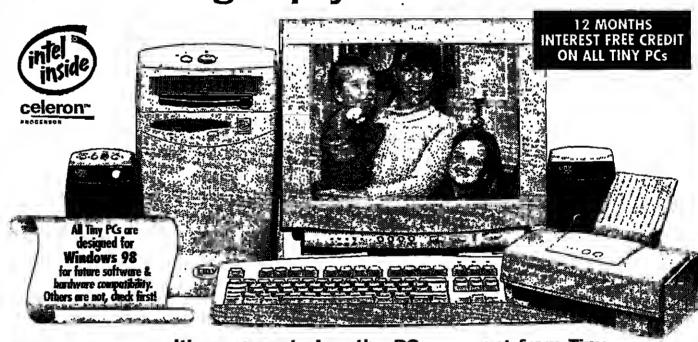
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Global meltdown — unless we'

The financial crisis that originated in Thailand in 1997 is particularly unnerving because of its scope and severity. We at Soros Fund Management could see a crisis coming and so could others, but the extent of the dislocation took everyone by surprise. A number of latent and seemingly unrelated imbalances were activated and their interaction touched off a process whose results are entirely out of proportion with the ingredients that went into creating it.
The financial markets

played a role that is very different from the one assigned to them by economic theory. Financial markets are supposed to swing like a pendulum. They may fluctuate wildly in response to shocks, but eventually they are supposed to come to rest at an equilibri-um point. Instead, financial markets have behaved like a wrecking ball, swinging from country to country and knocking over the weaker ones. It is difficult to escape the

conclusion that the international financial system itself constituted the main ingredient in the meltdown process. It certainly played an active role in every country, although the other ingredients varied from country to country. Financial markets do not just passively reflect economic reality. The role that financial markets play in the world ought to be radically reconsidered.

To see why, let us look at what has happened. The most immediate cause of trouble in 1997 was the manner in which currencies were managed. The



In the first extract from his book, The Crisis of Global Capitalism, the controversial financier issues a warning that the world's financial system is set for a complete breakdown — and only co-operation and reforms on an international scale can prevent it

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maintained informal arrangement that tied their currencies to the US dollar. It was a situation similar in some respects to the ERM.

The apparent stability of the link to the dollar encouraged local banks and businesses to borrow in dollars and then convert dollars into local curwithout insuring against the risk of the local currencies going down in value. The hanks then lent to or invested in local projects, par-

ticularly real estate. This seemed to be a riskless way of making money as long as the local currencies maintained their link to the dollar.

But the arrangement came under pressure because the two higgest economies in the area. China and Japan, had currencies which were out of sync with the dollar. The Chinese currency was undervalued, and the yen fell. The bal-ance of trade suffered in South-East Asia. By the beginning of 1997 it was clear to us



Global perspective: 'The breakdown of the capitalist system could be prevented by the intervention of international financial authorities," says George Soros

at Soros Fund Management that the position was becoming untenable. If it was clear to us in January 1997 that the situation was untenable, it must have been clear to others. Yet the crisis did not break out until July 1997 when the Thai authorities abandoned the peg to the dollar and floated their currency. In crude terms, it was their Black Wednesday.

The crisis came later than we had expected because the local monetary authorities kept on supporting their currencies far too long and international banks continued to extend credit even though they must have seen the writing on the wall. The delay has undoubtedly contributed to the severity of the crisis. From Thailand it quickly spread to Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Korea and oth-

It's difficult to escape the fact that the system itself was the main reason for the crisis

tries engulfed in the crisis did not appear to have wrongly valued currencies. Critics argue the problem was their common dependence on a distorted or immature form of capitalism, now described perjoratively as "crony capital-ism", but previously extolled as "The Asian Model". There is some truth in the claim, but attributing the crisis to specifi-

cally Asian characteristics does not give the full picture. The crisis has now spread to Latin America and Eastern Europe and is now beginning to affect the financial markets and economies of Western Europe and the United States. This global crisis is caused by pathologies inherent in the glo-bal financial system itself.

HOW THE MARKETS MADE IT WORSE

It is not just currency speculation that creates problems. but the nature of investment. Institutional investors do not generally measure their performance in absolute terms but relative to each other. They operate as a herd, following the latest trend. Hedge fund managers and others who speculate with borrowed money play a similar role. When they are on a winning

streak, they can increase their bets; when they lose they are forced to sell to reduce their debt. Options, hedges and other derivative instruments have a similar self-reinforcing quality about them. But it was not only foreign investors who influenced the

situation. In the countries where the local currency was pegged to the dollar, indigenous banks assumed the peg would hold and unwisely failed to insure against it going. When the peg broke they found themselves exposed. They scrambled for cover, and put tremendous pressure on the local currencies. As the currencies nosedived this caused a sudden deterioration in the balance sheets of local borrowers. This, together with foreign investors fleeing from declin-

ing markets, set up a self-rein-

The financial markets caused the panic to spread — just like a modern bubonic plague

forcing process that resulted, for example, in a 42 per cent decline in the Thai currency and a 59 per cent decline in the Thai stock market between June 1997 and August 1998. Financial markets caused

this panic to spread; some have referred to this financial contagion as a modern version of the bubonic plague. Other countries in Asia had apparently strong economies, the Malaysian trade defici was modest and the fundamentals

in Indonesia seemed quite sound but it was not long before they were hit, and the crisis forced Thailand, then Korea, then Indonesia to seek the assistance of the IMF.

But the IMF programmes did not work. Perhaps, because the IMF had developed its techniques for dealing with problems caused by improvident governments, its understanding of how financial markets operate left much to be desired. The correct solution to the crisis would have been to convert debts in the stricken countries into equity, giving creditors a share stake in the vulnerable concerns. But international creditors would have balked, and without their cooperation no rescue programme can succeed. Obvious-ly the problem is with the system, and the IMF is part of the problem, not part of the solution. The IMF is now in a crisis of its own. Market confidence has been an essential ingredient to its past success and it has now lost credibility. From Asia, the wrecking ball, or bubonic plague, has hit Russia and Brazil, damag-

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ing Eastern Europe and devastaring Ukraine on the way. The international crisis appeared to reach a climax in 1997. Foreign banks refused to roll-over their loans to Asian banks, Central banks had to intervene and force commer-

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'Hope made me feel insecure, worrying made me feel safe'

great deal on my emotions. That was because I was aware of the inadequacy of my knowledge. The predominant feelings I operated with were doubt, uncertainty and fear. I had moments of hope, even euphoria, but they made me feel insecure. By contrast, worrying made me feel safe. So the only genuine joy I experienced was when I

discovered what I had to worry about. By and large, I found managing a hedge fund extremely painful. I could never acknowledge my success because that might stop the from worrying, but I had no trouble in recognising my mistakes. It is wise to be constantly looking for the fly in the ointment.

Only when others pointed it out to me did I realise that there might be something unusual in my attitude to mistakes. It made so much sense to me that discovering an error in my thinking should be a source of joy rather than regret. I thought it ought to make sense to others as well. But when I looked around. I found that most people went to great lengths to cover up their mistakes. It gave me pleasure to acknowledge a mistake, because I knew that it

could save me from future grief. I will never forget visiting Argentina in 1982 to look at the mountain of debt that country had accumulated. I sought

s a fund manager, I depended a out a number of politicians who had served in previous governments and asked them how they would handle the situation. To a man, they said they would apply the same policies they followed when they were in government. They refused to learn from experience.

I carried my critical attitude into my philanthropic activities. I found philanthropy riddled with paradoxes and unintended consequences. For instance, charity may turn the recipients into objects of charity. Giving is supposed to help others, but in reality it often serves to gratify the ego of the giver. What is worse, people frequently engage in philanthropy because they want to feel good, not because they want to do good.

When I set up my foundation to advance the aims of the open society in Eastern Europe. I took a new approach. I subordinated the interests of the foundation personnel and of the individual applicants to the mission of the foundation. I used to joke that ours was the only misanthropic foundation in the world.

I remember telling my staff in Czecho-slovakia in 1991 that foundations were hothouses of corruption and inefficiency, and that I would consider it a great-er accomplishment to have the courage to wind up a failed foundation than to have the vanity to set up a new one. I

also remember telling a gathering of staff in Prague that networking means

not working.

I have mellowed with time. There is a difference between running a hedge fund and running a charitable foundation. Heading a large foundation re-quires people skills, and people do not like critical remarks. They want praise and encouragement. Not many people share my predilection for identifying error and even fewer share my joy in it.

used to find public expressions of praise and gratitude positively painful. But t have come to realise that this is a reflex left over from the days when I was actively managing money, when I had to be guided by the results of my actions, not by what other people thought of them.
I am still embarrassed by gratitude

and I still believe that philanthropy, if it is deserving of praise, should put the interests of society ahead of ego gratification. But I am willing to accept praise because my foundation has now met this condition.

Whether it can continue to function properly, given my changed attitude to-wards praise, is a question that troubles me. But as long as I am troubled, the answer will probably still be yes. Worrying is the key to success.

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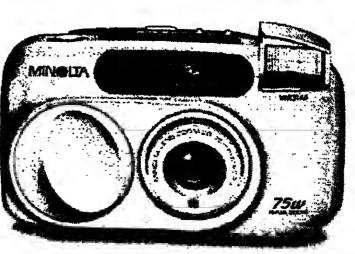
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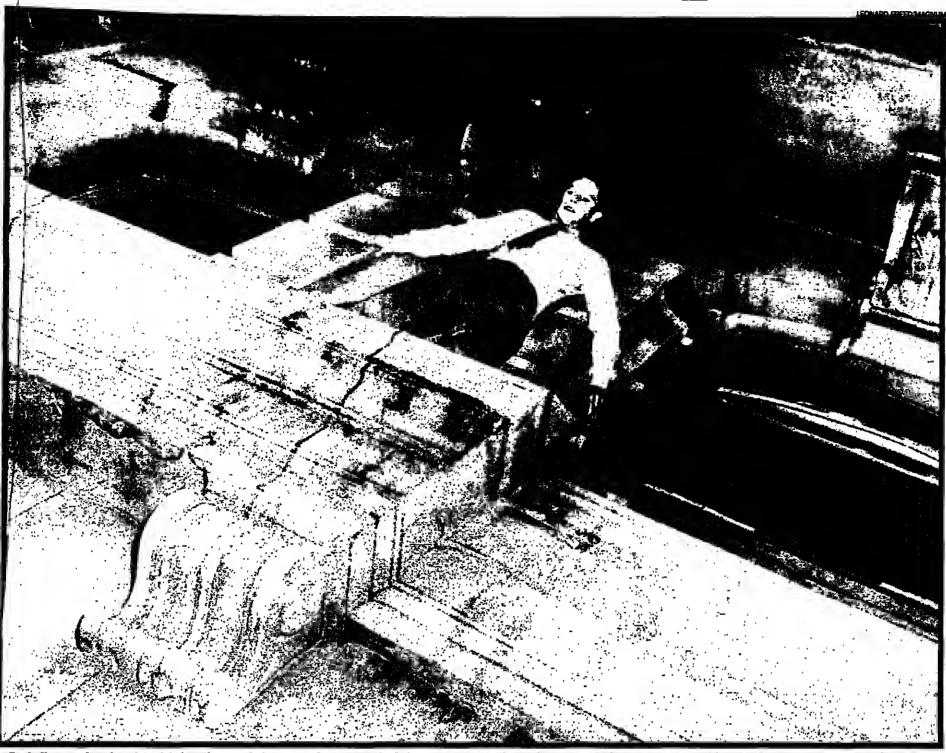
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THE CRISIS OF GLOBAL CAPITALISM

heed the wake-up call



Capitalism on the edge: the crisis in today's global economy has not reached 1929 proportions — but unless urgent action is taken we could see a return to the conditions of the 1930s

Their own stocks have plum-

meted and a global credit crunch is in the making. Second, the pain at the

elsewhere, has now become so

intense that individual coun-

tries have begun to opt out of

the global capitalist system. First Indonesia, then Russia,

suffered a pretty complete breakdown. What happened

in Malaysia and in Hong

Kong is in some ways even

more ominous. The collapse in

Indonesia and Russia was

unintended, but Malaysia shut itself off from internation-al capital markets deliberate-

ly. Its action has brought tem-

porary relief to the Malaysian

economy and allowed its rul-

ers to maintain themselves in

power but, by reinforcing a

general flight of capital from

the periphery, it has put addi-

oonal pressure on those coun-tries that are trying to keep

rial banks to renew their loans. Soon afterwards the crisit started to ease. Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the US Fideral Reserve, made ii clear that the Asian troubles ruled ou any possibility of an interes rate rise and the markets took heart.

It was a false dawn. The fuancial collapse has been folloved by economic decline in Aia and elsewhere. Domestic denand came to a standstill aid imports shrank, but exports did not expand because a high proportion of the exports were directed towards countries that were aso affected. Semiconductors vere particularly hard hit.

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sons. One is that the Russian meltdown has revealed previously ignored laws in the international banking system. Banks engage in transactions and trade among each other and with their clients which do not show up on their balance sheets. When Russian banks defaulted, Western banks remained on the hook both on their own account and on behalf of clients. Hedge funds and other speculative accounts also sustained large losses. Banks are now frantically trying to limit their exposure, deleverage and reduce risk.

f the capital flight makes Malaysia look good in comparison with its neighbours, the policy may easily find imitators. The third major factor work-

their markets open.

ing for the disintegration of the global capitalist system is the evident inability of the international monetary authorities to hold it together. IMF programmes do not seem to be working and the IMF has run out of money. The response of the G7 governments to the Russian crisis was woefully inade-quate, and the loss of control was quite scary.

Financial markets are rather peculiar. They resent any kind of government interfer-ence but they hold a belief deep down that if conditions

ger really rough the authorities will step in. This belief has now been shaken. How events will unfold depends largely on system, the investing public, and the authorities at the centre. The range of probabillties lies between a cascading decline of the stock markets and a more drawn-out process of deterioration. I think the lat-

ter more likely. The public has learned that it pays to buy during dips to what has been an everlasting bull market. But it will take time before it discovers that the bull market does not last forever. Thus it will take time for the three main negative forces to make their effect felt.

The current false dawn will be followed by a prolonged bear market, just as in the 1930s and in Asia currently. The public will stop buying dips and start moving out of stocks. The wealth effect will take its toll and consumer demand will decline. Investment demand will also decline, for a number of reasons; profits are under pres-sure, imports are rising and exports falling, and the supply of capital for the less well established enterprises and for real

Reductions in interest rates will cushion the market decline. The economy would

estate has dried up.

The problems will become progressively intractable the longer they are allowed to fester

eventually recover if the global capitalist system held together. But the chances of it falling apart have greatly increased If and when the United States' domestic economy slows down, the willingness to tolerate a large trade deficit will decrease and free trade may be endangered. The US is also looking increasingly inward. The refusal of Congress to pro-vide additional funds for the IMF may play the same role today as the Smoot-Hawley tariff did in precipitating the

Great Depression.
Once, 1 thought that the
Asian crisis would lead to the ultimate triumph of capitalism. Multinational corporations would replace family concerns and the Asian model would then be assimilated into the global capitalist model. It is now more likely that countries at the periphery of the sys-

TOMORROW How to save the world's capitalist system

tem, in Asia, will increasingly out out of the system altogether as their prospects for attracting capital from the West fade lutions devour their own children, and the political changes in Asia which have seen tyrants fall may not leave the current reformers in charge. Already, anti-American, anti-IMF, anti-foreign resentment is building up throughout Asia, including in Japan. Elections in Indonesia

could well produce a nationalistic. Islamic government in-spired by the ideas of Dr Ma-hathir Mohamad, the Malaysian premier.

Banks and investors have suffered severe losses and there are more to come. Russia is likely to default on its dollar obligations. Losses in Indonesia will also have to be recognised. Banks are being pun-ished by shareholders for their exposure to the periphery. They will not want to increase their commitments.

international governmental action could pump money into the periphery, but there is no sign of international co-operation. I can already discern the makings of the final crisis. It

will be political in character. Indigenous political movements are likely 10 arise that will seek to expropriate multi-national companies and recapture the "national" wealth. Some of them may succeed in the manner of the Boxer Rebellion or the Zapata Revolution. Their success may shake the confidence of financial marforcing process.

The system is inherently flawed

trange as it may seem for someone who has made his reputation that preoccupy physicists and chemists, involve thinkmade his reputation and his fortune io the very practical world of business. my financial success and my political outlook have rested largely on a number of abstract philosophical ideas. One of them is my distrust of social sciences. There is a prevailing be-

lief that economic affairs are subject to irresistible laws, like supply and demand, that are comparable to the natural laws of physics. This belief is false. What is more important, decisions and structures that are based on this belief are destabilising economically and dangerous from a political point of view, I am convinced that the market systern, like every other human arrangement, is inherently flawed. This conviction lies at the foundation of this book's entire analysis, as well as of my personal philosophy and of my funds' financial success.

Economic analysis canoot have the same validity as the physical sciences. son for the failure of economic analysis — and for the inevitable instability of all social and poliocal institudons that assume the absolute validity of market economics — is not proper-ly understood. The failures of economics are not simply due to our imperfect uoderstanding of economic theory or to a lack of adequate statistics. These problems could, in principle, be remedied by better research. But ecocomic analysis, and the free-market ideology that it supports, are subverted by a far more fundamental and irredeemable flaw.

Economic and social events, unlike the events

molecules. And thinking participants can change the rules of economie and social systems by virtue of their own ideas about these rules. The claims of economic theory to universal validity become untenable once this principle is properly unate in a way that bucks the rules. This is not just an intellectual curiosity. For if economic theories are not sciendfically valid - and ideology of market fundamentalism is undermined.

I have to confess that I am not familiar with the prevailing theories about efficient markets and rational expectations. I consider them irrelevant and I never bothered to study them because I seemed to get along quite well without them which was perhaps just as well, judging by the recent collapse of the hedge fund Long Term Capital Management (LTCM).

The fund's managers aimed to profit from the application of modern equilibrium theory, and its stratejoint winners of the 1997 economics Nobel Prize, who won their prize for their theoretical work on options

The fact that some suc-cessful participants in financial markets have found modern theories, supposedly explaining how financial markets function, completely useless may be considered a scathing criticism in itself. But the failure of LTCM is much more conclusive. I have no quarrel with economics itself, as far as it goes, except that it does not go far enough.

The breakdown of the gloism. The problems will become progressively more intractable the longer they are bal capitalist system could be prevented by the intervention of the international financial allowed to fester. prities at any time. The prospects are dim because the Extracted from The Crisis of G7 has just failed to intervene

Global Capitalism by George Soros, published by Little, in Russia, but the consequences of that failure may serve as Brown (RRP £17.99). Readers of The Times can buy this title for a wake-up call. There is an urgent need to just £14.99 by calling The Times rethink and reform capital-

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ABOVE: White puckered fleece hooded top, £140, by Marithé-Francois Girbaud at Urban Outfilters, 36-38 Kensington High Street W8 (0171-761 1001). Sleeveless puffa, £34.99, by Oasis, 292 Regent Street W1 (01865 881986).

RIGHT: Cream padded long sleeve jumper, £565, and cream cotton padded skirt from about £500, both available from Jil Sander at Browns, 24 South Motton Street W1.

P adding, you may have noticed, is all around: not simply on small children on whom it looks adorable: not only in the kind of adventure-training emporia where enoughl accessories veer towards the Primus stove and triple-strength water-filter end of the market, nor even only in the groovier niches of the high street. They're all us-ing it: Ghost has beautiful long, embroidered, quilted coats and fitted jackets in shimmery satins that take the genre into a feminine, decorative zone: Jil Sander has downysoft, white, padded T-shirts and skirts that mould snugly onto the body, thanks to cunningly constructed seams; Miu Miu heat-sealed layers of synthetic fabrics together for quilted warmth without bulk. Helmut Lang's collection of cocooning jackets and coats and feather-filled wraps, complete with useful shoulder straps.



was so hip that, for the moment, it has sold out. That padded clothes are

is not in dispute. That they look suitably urban and speedy and modern is also unarguable. But the bottom line, literally in some instances, is whether they are flattering.

The answer is . . . it depends what you mean by flattering. As a skirt, padding is probably best left in the concept state But as an outer layer it is hard to fault. Indeed, working on the homeopathic principle of treating like with like, slipping on a fat, puffy coat should make a body with similar features look instantly smaller by

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comparison. Just think what it can do for a slim one.

The obvious way to wear padding is to do the whole sporty thing: techno shoes, Velcro trousers, full frontal belly button and so on. A few weeks ago in New York, however, I saw an Ines de la Fressange-y type creature click-clacking along the Upper West side in a black, calf-length padded coat from Club Monaco with bare legs (it was 8C but expanses of naked flesh in freezing temperatures have become a sort of rite of passage in New York) and - here's the cincher - kitten-heeled slingbacks. Chicer than that I have not seen.



ABOVE: Mini dress, £260, and matching heat-sealed pocket and popper coat, £360, by Miu Miu, 123 New Bond Street W1 (0171-409 0900). Scarf, £230, by Issey Miyake at Liberty

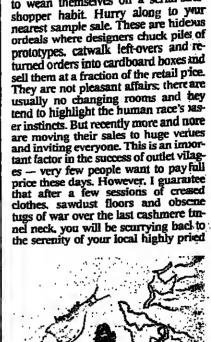
RIGHT: Puffa, £69, and poloneck, £49.95, by Jigsaw, 126-127 New Bond Street W1 (0171-491 4484). Fleece A-line skirt, £149, by Boyd at Browns. Sheepskin puffa bag, £200, by Bill Amberg, 10 Chepstow Road W2 (0171-727 3560)

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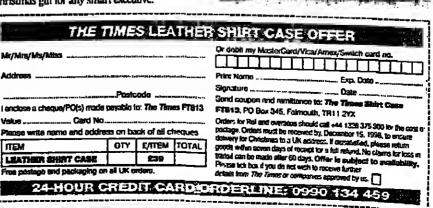
store. It's amazing how you can fall it love with a midnight blue velve evening dress one minute and out the next, when you spot another 300 spewing out of tatty teacrates. On the other hand, everyone should see designer clothes without the candles, grandiose plinths and reverence that do so much to make them look fabrilous if only beto make them look fabulous, if only because it's a sobering lesson in how much context counts in making clothes desirable. And if something looks good squashed on to a plastic hanger in a warehouse, it's probably a winner. The next sale is Nicole Farhi on Wedoesday at the Royal Horticultural Hall, 80 Vincent Square SWI. Only those in sales rehab should go.

■ POVERTY chic is certainly modisl — but at a cost. Kate Winster's banger and mash wedding reception and Me Matthews's coda in last week's Sunda Times, claiming that she, too, some times wears M&S and Top Shop, ar merely the latest manifestations. Th fashion stylists who live around North Kensington, Queen's Park and Kensa Green have been referring to their stamping ground as Kilburn (top mark on the grime scale) for ages. Except tha what with Nick Kent and Emm Thompson dragooning half of Holly wood into investing in the Tricycle T tre and Brent muttering about structure ing up the high street. Kilburn is in dan ger of no longer being quite so dingity outre. It is wreaking havoc with the fashionista's Smythson address cards.



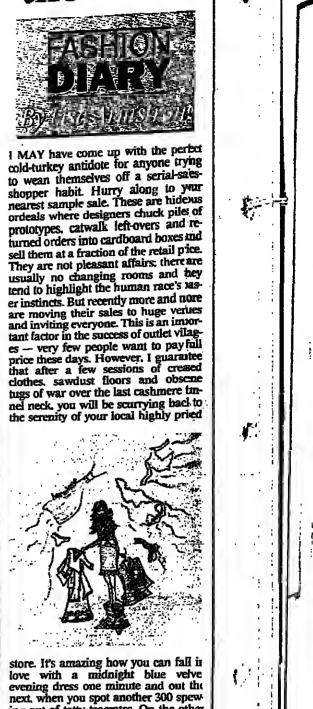


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Style consultant Annabel Hodin at work: "Mistakes are fine, you just don't have to wear them"

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nul Wednesday there was a rogue plastic hanger in my ward-robe along with quite a lot of clothes. It isn't there any more - nor are most of the clothes. But for a while it was the cause of blushing humiliation. This was because for five minutes three people studied it so intently that it might as well have been a fascinating new strain of E.coli. The photographer chortled. I issued all sons of disclaimers of the good-God-how-didthat-eet-there variety. The style consultant flicked it delicately on

Flicking, as it turned out, was the order of the day - straight into the rubbish bin. Letting Annabel Hodin loose in the inner sanctum of my clothing empire was not meant to happen. The idea was that Hodin would talk me through her job and explain how other people go astray. But one minute she was sitting with impeccable ram-rod posture on my sofa telling me how she bad got into the business in the first place (Jane - as in Asher - had called her to say that Gerald - as in Scarfe - was going on selevi sion in Los Angeles in approximately two minutes' time and could Annabel - as in ex-model and fashion stylist - please find him something decent to wear?). The next minute she had flung open my closet doors and told me that the hanging space didn't work. I didn't want to hear this, but that's what happens with consultants. One moment they're making all the right soothing sort of references, admiring your Hepburnesque, Sebergesque traits, the next it's a rather cutting: "I see you had your Spice Girls moment, then."

Quite how a stranger gets un-der the skin of a client or unravels their taste within minutes of meeting is a mystery. But Hodin does it with the ruthless efficiency of a smart missile. "You can be very objective with strangers. And there are certain immutables: body shape, face shape - a small face needs small hair . . but really, you can very quickly see what someone likes. My job isn't to change that, unless they ask me 10. but to make sure that they carry on buying the kind of things they like in the best ver-sions that do the most for them."

It takes courage to engage the services of a professional stylist, not least because — as they sys ternatically work their way through your cupboard, scattering pieces to the four corners, frowning with increasing intensity and occasionally issuing poign-



Lisa Armstrong's streamlined wardrobe after a severe "editing"

Fashion Editor Lisa Armstrong invites a style consultant to sort through her wardrobe; now it's almost bare

ant little whelping noises that translate roughly as "Why, Lisa? Why?" - you realise that you have just hung up your soul for general inspection. Yet increasingly people are doing so, despite the cost - Hodin charges about £900 a day (the price of a designer suit). Which is why, as well as showing Dame Kiri Te Kanawa her way round an Armani evening dress. Hodin has introduced businessmen to the delights of an "intelligently" cut suit Intelligence is a favourite Hodin word: so is integrity.

"Look at trees. You have perfect composition: frothy leaves against a hard trunk - the textures and colours are perfect," Far from being clothes-obsessed narcissists. Hodin says the people who go to her do so to eliminate fuss and time.

"People in the workplace are judged on how they present themselves and I don't think it's neces-sarily superficial. We are inevitahly drawn to attractive objects. My clients know that if they spend a day each season going through their wardrobes, it

TEN STEPS TO WARDROBE NIRVANA

1. Work out what you look best in and make sure that you buy the best possible versions of it in future.

2. If a skirt comes with a cardigan, buy both - trying to match separates from different shops and designers is timeconsuming.

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8. Use foam or wooden shoe trees on springs. And eliminate white deodorant stains on dark, sleeveless clothes by using Vichy anti-perspirant. 9. Find the nghl hangers for the and check that the tips are not creating

weird deformities on shoulder tines. 10. Revive leather handbags with Annabel Hodin can be contacted on makes getting dressed every day

The way she talks about clothes—that's a subtle, intellectual colour" or "that beading has absolutely nothing to do with the shape of that dress" - demysri-fies a daunting process. She clearly has innate style, but she has also given her subject a great deal of thought and, in the process, codifies and rationalises it "I make as many mistakes as anyone," she says, "but the important thing is to recognise them and move on. It's not exactly a science, but I really do think one can

be educated into style." I won't pretend that it's an unalloyed pleasure having someone highlight your vanities and selfdeceptions, or that witnessing hundreds of pounds of delusion being junked is the most amusing thing that's happened all week. It would be mildly comforting to discover that she doesn't like fashion, but she loves it.

"Part of my job is to provide the now in what people wear. But you really have to study fashion and absorb only the bits that are right for you - the classics. Anything too gimmicky I would skip. The problem with most people is that they look at a fashion picture and think: 'Lovely, cashmere trousers'. They don't stop to think that there's a reason why the model is sitting down - namely that she would look like an elephant if she stood up."

By the second rail, things were looking up. Silently chanting frothy, solid, trees . . . perfect". was mercilessly eliminating items by myself. Although my inirial reaction at seeing roughly 40 per cent of my wardrobe edited into oblivion was one of panic. I knew that she was right. Almost everything she discarded I had either not worn for a while, didn't

really like, or liked even though I

knew they were unflattering. What most impressed me was her ability to grasp nuances — that and the way she identifies what clients are trying to achieve. and suggests how to do so in a streamlined way. My wardrobe is now much emptier and devastatingly efficient. Hodin has an aesthete's view on possessions: quality not quantity. "If you buy the right thing in the first place, you don't need fall-backs."

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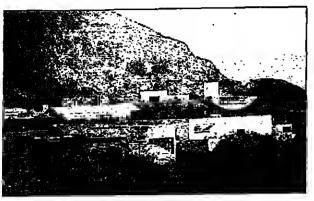
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Scotland's new tower of strength



St Andrew's Day, the Queen will open the new Museum of Scotland — the first national museum to be built in Britain for 120 years. It is, though no one will believe it, a coincidence that Scotland's new Parliament and Scotland's new national museum will open their doors with-in six months of each other. One has been a gleam in the eye for nearly 300 years, the other has been on the drawing board for the best part of 50. Both have come good together, and you will find it hard to convince the Scots that some unseen political hand has not been at work. The royal reaction to the mu-

seum's most distinctive feature, a soaring round tower fortress-like walls, will be particularly interesting. The Prince of Wales resigned as president of the patrons because he was not consulted about the architects; the Duke of Edinburgh, who inspected a model of the building a year later, pointed to the tower and demanded: 'What's that? Looks like a gasometer."

I suspect he will change his ished product. The architect Gordon Benson and his partner Alan Forsyth have not only recognised the historic significance of the city in which they are building, they have virtually incorporated it into the design. The phrase "bor-rowed landscape" was first coined in China to describe how the landscape surrounding a garden should form part

The same is true of the museum, which reflects the city in which it is set. The tower echoes the halfmoon battery of Edinburgh Castle. Its tall central structure borrows from the ten-ement buildings of the Old Town. When you come to the 17th-century section, a big win-dow opens on to Greyfriars nant was signed in 1638, and the Jacobite section looks out on to Arthur's Seat, beneath which Bonnie Prince Charlie entered the city in 1745.

But this is not just a pastiche of the city. It is modern, uncompromising, monumental in concept and scope. It will not please everyone, but already those who have seen it agree that it is one of the most important new buildings in Britain. Not surprisingly, what some people thought of as an extension to the existing National Museum in Chambers Street has become a triumphantly separate structure. You can enter it from the old building, but you will more likely be drawn to the main door opening on to the street. The concept is independent

of its location," says Mark Jones, the director of the National Museums of Scotland. "It says something about Scot-land and its history which is exciting and surprising." ome of the treasures it

will house have not been seen before, others were displayed in the cramped quarters of the National Museum of Antiquities in Queen Street. They indude some of Scotland's most precious objects - the Monymusk Reliquary, the jewelled casket which held St Columba's bones and which accompanied Robert the Bruce into battle: the St Fillans Crozier, dating back to the earliest years of Christianity in Britain; the fabulous Hunterston Brooch, which is Hiberno-Saxwhich goes back to the dark ages when the Picts, about whom we know so little, were

converted to Christianity. They will be complemented by modern sculptures and works by such artists as Sir Eduardo Paolozzi and Andy Goldsworthy. Beginning with prehistory in the basement. Today the Queen opens the new

Museum of Scotland in the very heart of Edinburgh.

Magnus Linklater reports

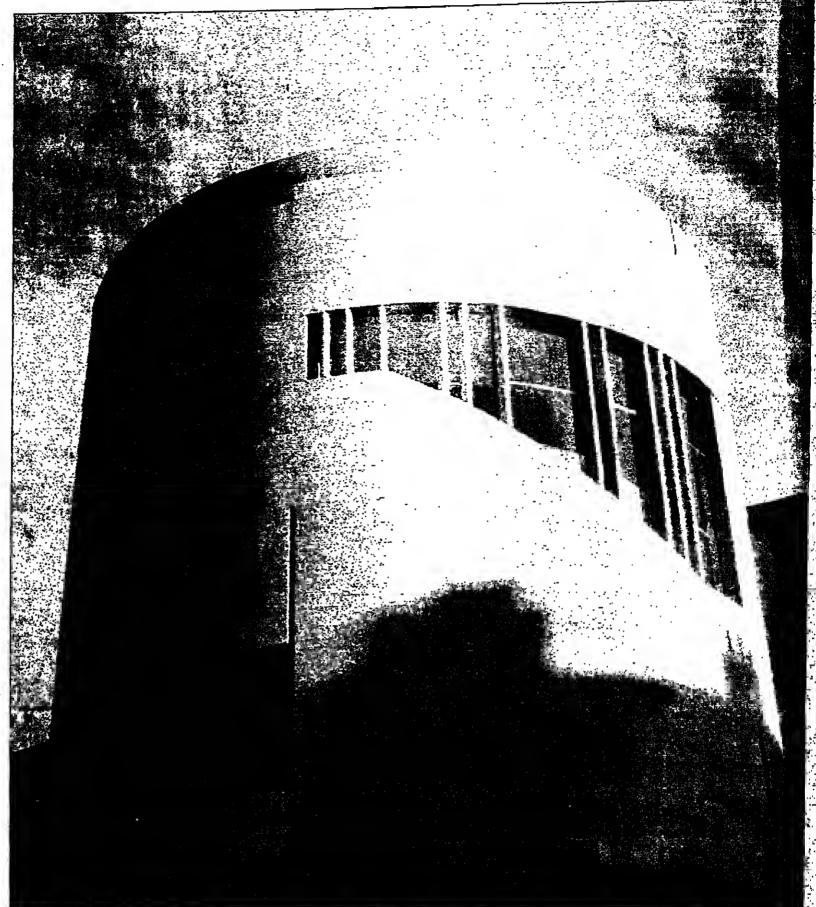
and climbing up to the 20th century on the top floor, the building tells Scotland's story by means of its rich collection of art and artefacts, never be-

fore brought together like this. Perhaps inevitably, the museum becomes a political as well as a cultural statement. Ever since the Act of Union in 1707, Scots have debated the question: would Scotland have thrived or declined if it had remained independent from England? Some historians, notably Lord Dacre, have argued that without the Union Scotland would never have seen the 18th-century Age of Enlightenment, the industrial revolution which made Glasgow the Empire's second city, or the international trading links which brought it into the modern world. Less than ten years ago, Malcolm Rifkind, as Secretary of State for Scotland, was advancing the same argu-

The new museum challenges that head on. The richness and diversity of its collections from the medieval period up to the 17th century will be a revelation. They show a Scotland closely linked with Europe, its religious and secular life heavily influenced by the connections forged under the remarkably resilient Stuart dynasty which lasted for 300 years.

"They presided over the evolution of a very vigorous culture, with its own accents and signatures," says Hugh Cheane, curator of the Scottish Collections. "What will be on display is an urbane and rich

Jones agrees. "It would take to go round and not be stirred by what they have seen. I believe a lot of preconceived notions will be turned on their heads." He likes to quote the late Lord Bute, whose drive and enthusiasm got the project off the ground in the first place: "It will," he said, "be a sanctuary of national pride."



The soaring, fortress-like tower of the new museum, which will bring together many of Scotland's most precious relics in the shadow of Arthur's Seat

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s Mahler really the quintessenmay yet be provided by the Philharmonia Orchestra's Mahler and Vienna - Beginning and Endings series. the title of which can be interpreted in many different ways. But his famous association with

that musical city was ambivalent to say the least, and his position as the great Wandering Jew among composers is underlined whenever such a quintessential work as the Second Symphony is performed: it was composed piecemeal without one movement being written in Vienna, and premiered in Berlin.

Of course, its piecemeal nature is both an obstacle in performance and

Tou come to Elliott Carter with ears braced for dissonance and brain primed for complexity - for that is the fearsome reputation which precedes him. But his music attacks you where you least expected it. It is witty: it is humane; it is even passionate. Certainly it demands attentive listening. But above all it celebrates civilised discourse, in fact the most civilised of all discourse - that conducted in the realm of pure sound.

The great American composer is 90 next Sunday, and this fine birthday concert (in Cart-

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a key to understanding the work. In this awe inspiring account. Christoph von Dohnányi shaped the score in one big, cohesive arch; he is in many ways a surprising but ideal Mahlerian, highly intellectual and so not over-indulgent, yet never lacking in emotion.

Performances like this one make the continuing beauty contest between London's orchestras seem pointless, since the best band is always the one being heard with the right conductor in the right repertory. This was one of those evenings



those qualities. With its mixture of live music and documentary film clips (including one hilarious dialogue in which Carter impishly baited a typically dogmatic Pierre Boulez) it also showed how, with a bit of flair, these tribute

a manic pizzicato polka.

With its palindromic formal elegance, the Piano Quintet tin which the admirable Ursula Oppens joined the Ardini)

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This was a performance, too, that captured the elusive spirituality of a work known as the Resurrection. The Wandering Jew may have con-

ly in spite of all the detail Dohnanyi pointed up. The dream-like spell, more unsettling in the Scherzo's dis-

nored. Dohnányi obtained playing of such dramatic tension that the opening bars cut through the hall, exposing raw nerves. The funeral march of the first movement was steady but

bristling with fierce energy.
Two brilliantly contrasting dances followed, first the carefree and nostalgic Andante, which flowed effortless-

verted to Catholicism for partly prag-matic reasons, but there is Christian

fervour here which cannot be ig-

tantly dancing figures, was broken by the intervention of the contralto 50loist - Natalie Stutzmann, whose: distinctive, burnished tone brought

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In the finale, Stutzmann was joined by the glinting soprano of Inger Dam-Jensen, but not before the Last Judgment had been conjured up with brilliant theatricality or the chorus had stolen in at its hushed entry. The Bach Choir, trained for this performance by Ralph Allwood, was on splendid form. With one big surge, and the Festival Hall organ adding to the visceral excitement. this performance ended in a blaze of affirmation.

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events can be brought to life. The music started small and grew massive. First came the recent String Quartet No 5, superbly played by the Ardini Quartet. Its music is revealed first as if "in rehearsal", with snatches of ideas offered almost casually. Then the ideas develop in Carter's quimessential overlapping time-frame style: one player mulls over old themes while another forges ahead into new territory. Finally all four come together in

seems to hark back to the cerebral challenges of great 19thcentury chamber music. Yel the sounds are thrillingly contemporary. After an enigmatic like a firework, then descends into primordial clusters before

returning to its origins.
Finally came the astounding orchestral triptych Sympho-nia given a meticulously prepared London premiere by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Oliver Knussen. It brings together three contrasting orchestral works written during the 1990s. The first, Partita. ebbs and flows like a torrid Beethoven allegro: its energy protean, its solor dazzling, its

course utterly unpredictable. Then follows the massive lament of Adogio tenebroso. With its cracked bugle-calls, fragmented Mahlerian string melodies, sombre tread and terrifying climax, it really does sound as if Carter is runninging among the charred ruins of Western music.

But his spirit is essentially that of the pioneer: robustly journeying ever onward in hope. So, characteristically, he follows this grim movement with an Allegro Scorresple that sends the players scampering delicately into a stratosphere far above mortal fears.

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THE blues may have begun as an outsider's lament, but it has long since acquired establishment status. Nowadays the music's mournful tone is prob-

ably associated in most peo-

ple's minds with the studied el-

egance of Eric Clapion, Bon-nie Rain and B.B. King or the reverent, historical approach of Paul Jones's wonderful ra-dio programmes. If so, Jon

Spencer has other ideas.
"Let's do it!", he yells as he and Judah Bauer plug in their guitars and Russell Simins

starts belving out the last, syn-

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Lore With the spidery, black-

clad figures of Spencer and

Bauer flailing hither and you

amid acres of empty stage.

their amps in a tight line to ei-ther side of Simins's minimal-

ist kit, their look is pure ga-

rageband. The sound too, has

a rough unfinished quality, mostly thanks to the absence

of a bass instrument other

The trio come from New

York, but Spencer affects the vocal style of a huckster from

the deep south, peppering his

songs with slogans such as

"This is blues power" and "Blues Explosion", as if he

were selling medicines for the

soul. There are no stops, no

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break (unsuccessful), as they

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random and anarchic, and insofar as their music has any-thing to do with the blues, they have reaquainted the form with some of the raw high spirits which inspired its originators. But there are sophisticated minds at work on a broader canvas here, especially when it comes to newer numbers such as Calvin, with its neatly ciched funk rhythm, and the clusing sung. Magical Colors, with its elegantly turned soul riff and Spencer's sensitive falsetto vocal.

would use to describe Andre Williams, the 61-year-old, Alabarna-burn singer who opened the show earlier in the evening. A lean, tough-looking dude with a deep, dark growl uf a voice. Williams is ably backed by a young Californian group called the Countdowns as he leers and lunges through a succession of sleazy ravers including Jailbait, The Greasy Chicken and I Just Wanna Make Love To You. He ends the set by smashing a guitar to pieces with the casual air of a man who, whatever the limits of his emotional range, knows how to do infimi-

DAVID SINCLAIR

Food for thought and feeling

IT WAS almost certainly the strangest ensemble ever to share a stage at Birmingham's Symphony Hall when Bjork brought the final leg of her world tour there on Friday night. An Icelandic string octet occupied one end of the stage and techno boffin Mark Bell huddled behind a space-age console at the other, ready to unleash a formidable arsenal of electronic rhythms and sound effects. Meanwhile, the diminutive diva formed a human bridge and focal point be-

In bare feet and diaphanous white mini-dress. Björk pirouetted clumsily around the stage like a prepubescent Sugar Plum Fairy. This perfectly suited the nursery rhyme ambience of songs from her first album Debut, including the twinkling romanoc serenade Venus As A Boy and the gently comic Human Behaviour. But darker, more adult passions also surfaced in compositions

Homogenic. A clutch of new songs proved that Björk's fascination with stark mechanical beats and harsh concrete music remains undimmed. This was state-of-the-art, late-1990s pop as audaciously futuristic as Symphony Hall itself. But fortunately, any sense of arid experimentalism was blown away by Björk's other-worldly glamour and enduringly magBjork Birmingham

nificent voice, which charged even the most cerebral avantgarde passages with loud, lusty humanity. The richly lyrical Joga and Play Dead were especially impassioned, their operatic vocals borne aloft by lush, billowing strings.

Most impressively, Bjork continues to push a modernist agenda, steadfastly refusing to dilute her extremist tendencies for the well-heeled crossover audience in Birmingham. This show was no middlebrow marriage of pop and orches tral styles in the Vanessa-Mae mould but a bold, fertile and sometimes jarringly dissonant merging of two wildly dissimilar aesthetics.

For much of the set Björk seemed lost in a reverie, barely communicating with the crowd except to demand that they stand up for the final suite of upbeat, disco-tinged tunes. Naturally everyone complied, so that Symphony Hall became a giant dancefloor for the climactic Violently Happy and her hyperactive current single, Alarm Call. For shamelessly highbrow pop which feeds both heart and head, Björk is the world champion.

STEPHEN DALTON

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on how Stratford East's big plans fell apart



The check-by-jowl company: Some of the cast of Cinderella, this year's panto at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, cram into their tiny dressing-room

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airy godmothers aren't what they were, Tomorrow siet: wood made famous and which member of the species will be solving Cinderella's woes at what is likely to be a typically ebullient Christmas panto at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East. But her magic is really needed backstage, up-stairs and in the desolate little car parks outside. If the people of East London had not been forced to rely on human agency, Cinderella would be opening in a renovated Theatre

Royal with a large arts centre nearing completion beside it and we would be giving thanks to the lottery, which would have paid nearly £14 million towards the project. So has the Curse of the Lottery struck again? Not exactly. Stratford's problems are not

those of the Royal Opera or Royal Court. The problem is not money, but bureaucracy, bungling and business practices that, on the face of it, seem little more appetising than the Ugly Sisters' finaglings. The effects of all this have

been overlooked in the ado about Covent Garden and now the Court, but they are still important, and not only to Stratford East. Although there is a chance that the principal players could sink their differences and sign the necessary contracts at the eod of this week, the largest lottery project in outer London is at risk. If you count the svelte new cinema that Newham Council recently opened just opposite the Theatre Royal, the cost of the arts complex as a whole is more than £20 million. And the delays it has suffered have done far worse than put loads of lottery money into a deposit account. The Royal, which Joan Little-

continues to be one of the most influencial theatres in the nadon, looks like losing three years of its active life. At the beginning of 1998, its management sacked half the staff and put everything from lamp fittings to seats to old pictures into storage, only to see nothing happen until April, when some workmen arrived, put up a fence, dismanuled the Portakabin used for rehearsals, and all but disappeared.

The theatre has managed to reopen for its panto, but it will dose again in January, in the hope that work will restart in February. It could be back in business in mid 2000, but its director, Philip Hedley, who has seen deadlines evaporate like snowflakes, admits himself "cynical".

So what went wrong in the months after November 1996. when the Arts Council Lottery Panel agreed to give £13.744.599 to Newham Council, which is in charge of the overall project?

The banal answer is a loading bay. The arts centre required and requires the closing of some access roads, one of which leads to the goods entrance to the Co-op's large "Living Store" in central Stratford. The council had already written to that organisation asking for its permission and support, and got back what is known as "a letter of comfort". The Co-op seemed happy to get a nice new loading bay, paid for by Newham, at its East rather than its North end, and Newham took the Co-op's consent for granted. That was naive, because let-

ters of comfort have no legal standing, and no time limits were set on what was to become endless bargaining and

negotiating. The council agreed to give the Co-op a new mezzanine floor and a lift in the existing loading bay, but a final agreement still remained elusive. As Newham Council's deputy chief executive, Dave Burbage, was to report last September to his policy and resources committee, the Co-op were "unbelievably difficult to deal with and have caused considerable delay through their

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buteaucracy, respectiying their requirements and insisting on leaving the legal agreement to the end". For Tot Brill. a senior council officer, getting the project agreed has been "running your head against jelly".

According to a letter leaked to me by sources outside the council, the Co-op was asking for additional warrantes and indemnides against possible trading losses in March 1998, two years after its letter of comfort, two months after the Theatre Royal had closed in readiness for renovation, and barely two days before it did something astonishing itself. It announced it was selling the Living Store and was therefore pulling out of negotiadons that might not suit a new owner. It is hard to resist Burbage's

conclusion, that the council

was being "strung along" by shopkeepers who must have made a decision to sell well before they presumed to share it with the people whose arts centre it might doom - or, for that matter, the folk at the Theatre Royal who had been premanurely sacked.

Anyway, a prospective buy-r appeared and apparently asked for a longer entrance to the new loading bay, at an ad-ditional cost to Newham ratepayers of £175,000. By now the council was getting desperate, both at the interminable delays and at the rising costs, and wrote to the Lottery Panel asking for more financial help, which was refused.

It even thought of buying the Living Store and selling it on. The project was clearly in danger of being aborted, is so still, and will remain so until all the parties involved, including the store's as-yet-unnamed next owner, reach that elusive thing: an agreement.

Will this be this Friday? "Co-operative is completely aware of the council's deadline for exchange of contract," the organisation declared last week, "and at no time has the Society had any inclination of delaying the process."

ut if the Co-op ac-cepts no responsibility for endangering the project, the council has owned up to its lapses. Burbage's report is highly critical of employees who put too much trust in the Co-on's original show of support. Their fundamental mistakes" included failing to involve the council's lawyers early enough, set a cut-off point for a binding agreement, consider an alternative site or formu-

late a fallback position if

things went wrong. The council also seems to have failed to ensure it could legally close its own roads on time. It is a sorry story, and may yet prove a disastrous one.

Newham will have to find an extra £1 million to meet the costs caused by delays. The Theatre Royal will continue to send work to community centres and schools, and may put on a version of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea in Docklands this summer, but will have no home for many more moons. And going into prolonged limbo is bad news for a theatre

which stages eight new plays a year, has done more than any in the country to encourage black and Asian actors and audiences, and has transferred Five Guys Named Moe and many other pieces to the West End. If the creative momenrum disappears, what chance of seeing the sharp, streetwise rousicals Hedley has been planning to evolve?

But that is actually the bestcase scenario. If the whole project fails, there will be no new offices and dressing rooms, no nice rehearsal spaces, no proper fly-tower for a Theatre Royal that remains the cramped, chaotic, ludicrously inefficient Victorian touring house it originally was. And what about the dance theatre and the many other goodies promised next door? There will be no dance. cabaret, music, community drama, digital arts study or anything else because there

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about utility, the serving of needs. Now it seems to be about serving the ends of megalomania. London is to have a Millennium Dome whose main function is to boost the inflated egos of politicians and architects, and Scotland and Wales will acquire superfluous state-of-theart premises for national assemblies that have not even Labour rules, New Architec-

ture is its corollary.
It might all rankle less if we believed that other ancient buildings were in safe hands; but the commercial ethos of Cool Britannia generally dictates otherwise. For every act of desecration forestalled, another couple are carried through: for one borough that resists the planners, two more will connive with them.

So Richard Rogers's Lloyd's entailed the demolition of the old neoclassical building it cle over the V&A's proposed

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tres. In the face of such urban standardisation. the desire for regional and national identity seems quaint-

ly irrelevant The urge to cling to a past seen as more individualistic than the present is often dismissed as retrograde conour once proud individualism, the argument goes, because we are grappling pathetically with national decline and uncertainty. Indeed, the heritage industry itself is sometimes accused of promoting precisely the conformity (the same street lamps, the same nedestrian predincts everywhere) it was intended to fight. reason for attacking conservation, or, as has been rumoured, proposing, the abolition of English Heritage.

The problem of conservadon is bound up with the problem of taste, a particularly thorny issue where architecture is concerned. With rare exceptions, when buildings are dismantled, they are lost for ever. Demolishing buildings because they no longer meet the taste of the day is not like shelving unfashionable literature, storing unfashionable paintings or removing unfashionable music from the repertoire. They can all be re-presented: a smashed Firestone factory or a Euston arch cannot.

This, of course, is why architectural preservation societies came into being earlier this century: the Georgian Society in the wake of the destruction of London's squares, the Victorian Society after inner cities such as Glasgow were served notice of imminent rape, the Thirties Society when Trafalgar House had buildozed Western Ave-

nce architecture was nue's Firestone Building just two days before it was due to be listed (A fortnight later, Michael Heseltine, then the Environment Secretary, put a preservation order on its Art Deco neighbour, the Hoover Building, which is now a Tesco superstore.)

But conservation societies always face public indifference towards what is not old enough to have acquired presoge. Art Deco constructions, for example, are still under threat, despite their partial rehabilitation in the 1960s. They, too, need their Betje-man, the saviour of Liverpool Street station and much else of the now respectable and protected Victorian age.

Strangely, those whose professional interest should most incline them towards preservation are often its most ruthless opponents. The current inter-national frenzy of museum expansion (of which the deba-

preposterous extenillustration) is spearheaded by a generation of directors with an uncontrollable appetite for construction. Britain's oldest public museum, the Ashmolean in Oxford, is set to demolish an adjacent Art

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actually own, be-cause it "has" to house a prestigious promised benefaction on its site. An awkwardlysituated listed building should not, it is argued, halt important development, so few voices are being raised in protest - but then the project is supported by the money-obsessed University of Oxford, which "has" to build its new business school on the unexcavated site of a medieval abbey and a fine old railway station. Preservation. in fact, means remarkably little in the great scheme of things, when a monument to architectural folly and commercial greed such as Centre Point can be deemed

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Our institutional heads and style consultants could learn a thing or two about folies de grandeur from the French. The national qualities of panache and insouciance are nowhere better illustrated than in the glass pyramid dumped a few years ago in the courtyard of the Louvre; but Paris possesses two more spectacular monuments to excess in Richard Rogers's Pompidou Centre, passè almost before it was built, and a new nacional library so detested that it threatens to sink Mitterrand's posthumous reputa-

Now Jacques Chirac wants his own commemoration, an unneeded and impossibly expensive museum of early man. But given public disaffection the grands projets of poliocians, he may find that this particular bit of development is his Waterloo - a fate it is pleasant to imagine befalling our own infinitely less civilised planning supremos.

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In the apparent tangle of legal obligations, we have a clear duty in the Pinochet case

ost of the discussion about the case of Senator Pinochet has been based on the mistaken belief that Britain has a free choice in the matter, a choice which simply depends on legal or political decisions. In fact, British policy is closely circumscribed by our treaty obligations. On March 15, 1985, the United Kingdom signed the Conven-United Kingdom signed the Convention against Torture, and ratified it on December 8, 1988.

By January 1, 1992, the convention had been signed by 74 other states: they included Chile, which ratified while Pinochet was still its President. and Spain. They did not include the United States of America.

The three countries immediately involved in the Pinochet case are all, therefore, bound by the convencion. although some aspects of British domestic law have not been amended to comply with its terms. The states which have signed accept obligations under Article 55 of the United Nations Charter, Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 7 of the Internadonal Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Convention on Torture is well embedded in international law.

The convention defines torture as any act by which "severe pain or suffering whether physical or men-tal, is intendonally inflicted to obtain from the victim or from a third person information or a confession. to punish or to coerce. The criminal responsibility is a broad one, extending to any public official, or similar person, who instigates, consents or equiesces in the acts of torture. No exceptional circumstances are allowed as a justification.

The procedure to be followed when there is an allegation that someone inside a national jurisdiction has committed torture is laid down in Article 6. "Upon being satisfied, after

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an examination of information available to it, that the circumstances so warrant, any state, in whose territory the person who is alleged to have committed any offence (of torture) is present shall take him into custody". That has been done in respect of Senator Pinochet, and it is in full accordance with treaty obligations which his own administration accepted. Britain had a duty to arrest him under international law.

After the suspect has been taken into custody, the convention requires the state making the arrest to "immediately make a preliminary enquiry into the facts. Perhaps the judicial proceedings which followed the Spanish demand for extradioon constituted such an enquiry, or replaced it. There must, however, be doubt whether Britain has yet fully

carried out its duty of enquiry.

The state which made the arrest is next required to notify the state where the offences allegedly took place. Britain had to tell Chile. The primary jurisdiction under the convention seems to belong to the state in whose territory the offences were commit-ted: the secondary jurisdiction be-longs to the state which made the arrest; other states may have an interest, but it ranks below the jurisdiction of the state where the torture was committed or of the state where the prisoner is held. Under the convention, there is no

doctrine of sovereign immunity. So far as it is concerned, the 1978 British Act which provides immunity for crimes committed by other governments has itself come to be in breach. The convention is monitored by an official international body, the Committee against Torture, which has recently written to the British Government to say that "sections 1 and 14 of the State Immunity Act, 1978, seemed to be in direct conflict with the obligations undertaken pursuant to

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Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the convention". The committee recommended a reform of the Act, but, unless that is done, our courts will still be bound by the 1978 docume of sovereign immunity.

In terms of international law, the majority of law lords were therefore probably correct to give sovereign immunity the most restrictive possible definition in the Pinochet case, whatever difficulties may arise from their judgment. What further procedures does the convention require? Under the convection, Britain has a ourselves, if a proper preliminary enquiry shows a prima facie case against him. Apart from the political embarrass-

ment, there might be difficulty in securing a conviction. Under the convention. Chile would be obliged to provide Britain, or conceivably Spain. The greatest measure of assistance including the supply of all evidence at their disposal". The standard of proof would be the same as that ordinarily required under Briosh law. Senator Pinochet is entitled to the presumption of innocence. Whether the prosecuting authority could obtain a conviction using historic Chilean evidence, subject to Briosh cross-examination in a Briosh court, must be doubtful. The natural place for him to be tried is Chile, because that is where the alleged offences were committed, and it is where the evidence is available. The convention itself emphasises that the arrested person must be "guaranteed fair treatment".

The objection to returning Senator Pinochet is simply that he still has great influence in Chile. Any Chilean trial would be subject to the criticism that he had passed an amnesty to protect himself, though it does not cover his whole period in office, and that he still has powerful sympathisers, particularly in the armed forces. If the British Government takes

that view, the its duty is clear we should try Pinochet here, despite the problems of evidence. Chile can have no complaint if Britain follows that course: they are cosignatories of the convention. The convention specifically gives the arresting country the right to hold the trial, if it thinks fit to

Extradition to Spain seems to be the least desirable option; Spain did not make the arrest and does not have the evidence. An impartial trial will be difficult to obtain in any country, not less difficult in Spain that in Britain or Chile. Spain has its own guilt about torture in the civil war, which has potential to turn a trial of Pinochet into a substitute for trying Franco.

The convention may be a difficult document, nevertheless Britain signed it. The best estimate is that one third of all states practice torture. That means that many retired heads of government could theoretically be arrested for "acquiescence" in the use of torture, perhaps against terrorists. Terrorism is, in itself, a great evil, and democratic governments, including past British Governments in Northern Ireland, have used methods defined as mental torture to obtain information which might save lives.

Nevertheless, torture is also a very great evil. Far more people are tortured in the modern world than become victims of terrorism. Senator Pinochet is not the only head or former head of government who could be arrested, but his regime was notorious for torture. He should be tried, as a warning to others. Chile is the right place to try him. I expect the Government to take that view; if it does so, it will not be breaching its obligations under the Convention on

Don't forget the handbag

There will never be a better time for Thatcherite boldness, says Peter Riddell

ony Blair will never be a great Prime Minister because he is too cautious, according to a distinguished peer, a centrist who is broadly sympathetic to Blairism. In his view, Mr Blair's failure after the election to commit Britain to joining a single currency at an early stage has not only undermined relations with Europe but has also set back, possibly permanently, the creation of a new progressive Centre-Left alignment. general criticisms since the Queen's speech that the Government is in danger of losing its way. Nothing infuriates Mr Blair more

than such charges. As a close adviser put it to me, he then goes into his Life of Brian routine, which he has used when addressing restless Labour activists. In the Monty Python film, a character says: "What have the Romans ever done for us . . . apart from the viaducts . . . and law and order . . . and . . . " Mr Blair has a point. It is easy to take past actions for granted. By any standard, making the Bank of England responsible for setting interest rates, Scottish devolution and the Human Rights Act are very important measures.

The 52 Acts of Parliament that the Government now trumpets as proof of modernisation look impressive. even if they are dwarfed by the 84 Bills enacted by the Attlee Administration in its shorter first session in 1945-46. Last Tuesday's Queen's Speech was full of further measures, but being busy is not the same as having a sense of direction. Ministers are subject to two dan-

gers — a naive attachment to Labour's manifesto and succumbing to the embrace of Whitehall. Every Hilda's, Oxford. ministerial speech now points out



that, of 177 manifesto commitments, 63 have been kept, 109 are under way and only five have yet to be timetabled. Many such commitments are either vacuous or procedural, to hold a review or a conference. Some other are so one-dimensional that they have harmful side-effects. as the absolute priority attached to reducing hospital waiting lists has had on the NHS. Ministers also sound increasingly like managers. rather than poliocians offering a lead. Mr Blair's speech in the House sounded like the report of the chief executive of New Labour plc.

That is more than a stylistic criocism. Around the end of the second year in office is the ome when previous administrations have run into trouble. This includes the two which Mr Blair explicitly cites as

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

inspirations, the 1906 Liberal and the 1945 Labour Governments, and the one he implicitly looks back to, the 1979 Thatcher administration.

Peter Clarke notes in his masterly survey of this century, Hope and Glory, how the Campbell-Bannerman administration's attempts to reform drink laws and education largely failed. So: "Within a couple of years of its greatest triumph, the Liberal Party had dissipated much of the heady enthusiasm which had carried it to victory." It required the appointment of Asquith as Prime Minister in April 1908 and the arrival of Lloyd George as Chancellor to

provide fresh energy. The Attley Government achieved

as vast amount in its first two years in office, both the nationalisation of most utilioes and passing legislation creating the modern welfare state and NHS. However, the combination of appalling winter weather in early 1947, fuel shortages and a foreign exchange crisis knocked the Government off balance - and it never

really recovered. In 1981, many in the Cabinet rebelled against the tough Budget introduced by Geoffrey Howe, de-spite sharply rising unemployment. After a furious argument at the Cabinet that July, Margaret Thatcher concluded, according to her memoirs, that "a major reshuffle was needed if our economic policy were to continue, and perhaps if I were to remain Prime Minister". The reshuffle saw the promotion of Nigel

Lawson and Norman Tebbit which gave fresh impetus to privatisation and trade union reform. These battles of 1981 really established Thatcherism and provided its cutting

edge.
The Blair Government is unlikely to face anything remotely like these economic problems, even if Gordon Brown may live to regret gambling so much on merely a mild downturn. Mr Blair's dilemma is less obvious. and may therefore not be addressed. It is partly over-caution through delaying tricky decisions, on a single currency, voting reform, freedom of information, compulsory second pen-

sions and reviving local government.

The Government has also not yet really faced up to the problems of improving public services. Ministers are relying on a highly centralist model to raise standards — policed within Whitehall by the Treasury (and the new public service agreements) and outside by a growing army of inspectors and The Blairites are right that local providers cannot at present be trusted to perform without such

But that alone will not be enough. The Government will have to consider direct parent and patient choice and the extension of competition within the public sector. It will, for example, be a real test of the next round of education action zones, now postponed until the New Year, if teachers and parents are going to be allowed to set up new schools to compete with existing ones.

The debate over public services has parallels with the Thatcher Government's agonising over the seemingly intractable problems of nationalised industries in 1981. That led to widespread privaosation.

At present, for all its activity, the Blair Government is in danger of playing for a second term. Putting off controversial measures now means many will not be faced this side of an election. But the correct response to the political and likely economic troubles of the second year is to be more, not less radical - not just on obvious issues such as monetary union, but also on schools and public services. There will never be a better

Avanti, Birt

TRAGEDY. Sir John Birt, one of our favourite sons, is considering emigrating. The BBC's Director- General has put his Wandsworth semi (strange tastes at the Beeb) on the market for £950,000 as he prepares for retirement.

He has suggested to friends that once he has finished reviving British broadcasting, he and Lady B might seek refuge abroad. Their home is described as an "impres-



This is part of your fast-track

sive double-fronted semi-detached Victorian house". If you like suburbia, you will love this. The villa nestles, to slip into estate agent speak, between Wandsworth and Clapham Commons, a short cruise from the All-England Club.

Where Birt hopes to gain asylum is unclear. When I spoke to the D-G's chaps, they sniffed that he had been able to keep his professional and private lives separate. (Despite pioneering a brand of television that has rendered the word "private" rather quaint.)

Italy would be one choice. The Birts love Tuscan summers, of course. But I gather a return to the missus's American homeland is more likely, where old Birty can surf mid-morning shopping channels to his dear heart's content.

• THE tribulations of being a superstar. "I usually have a clause in my contract to keep the clothes," says Michael Caine, about to play a sleazy talent scout. "I took one look at this character's wardrobe and didn't bother. The first thing an actor does with a script is see if he's playing a millionaire, because he's going to get great designer



clothes. But I keep playing bums. It's ridiculous.

Blue funk

JOHN MAJOR has been avoiding old colleagues who he fears may have been left on their uppers by election defeat. Earlier this week. I observed him at lunch in the Savoy Grill. Stephen Byers, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was seated next door. Also being entertained nearby was a former Tory minister. a loyalist who had lost his "safe"

seat in the Great Humbling. When the former PM rose, he greeted Byers, ignoring his confrère. I gather that this is because he feels guilty that these former colleagues might have been ruined. In this case, Major should not have worried: the former minister is doing rather well in the City.

 NUDITY did not come easily to Nicole Kidman, says I ain Glen, her Blue Room co-star, "We rehearsed dressed for weeks, never mentioning what was to come. Finally, Sam Mendes asked so politely: 'Are you two ever going to take off your clothes and get on with it?

Homesick

JUST when the domestic arrangements of Mick Jagger (below), the energetic band leader, could hardly grow more awkward, he has been outmanocuvred by his fellow Rolling Stone, Ronnie Wond. Jagger - in France after his wife

Jerry Hall tired of his apparent



penchant for female company bid £1.2 mittion for a pad in Richmond Hill. Leslie Ferdinand. an association footballer, and Yasmin le Bon, a pretty young thing. both cast their eyes over the house, but Jagger thought he had it. Then his backing strummer bagged the penthouse (the best bit)

for £375,000, as a gift for his son. called Jess James poor chap. Jess. inevitably, wants to be a rocker, 100, so the downstairs quarters of the house could grow rather noisy.

 PROSTRATING myself in congratulation to Sir Edward Heath. who is to have the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun hestowed upon him by the Japanese Ambassador. I have hope and advice. Hope that the sash will encompass his an-Japanese girth; advice to avoid comparing his hosts' great national sense of trodition with Britain's shameful neglect of a "certain pile of stones". He did so at the Great Mysteries of China exhibition in front of some mystified rice munchers, who had no due that Stonchenge was on his mind: the stones that concerned them were Sir Edward's marbles.

Loom gloom

HER MAJESTY'S personal horsehair weavers are being evicted to



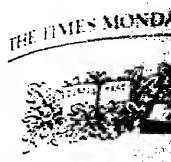


BEING a connoisseur of the female form seems to pass down through the Clark loins. Alan's estranged brother, Colin, telephones with this analysis of the recent list of the century's hundred most beautiful women. "I knew eight of them and the judges got it wrong," he tells me. "Jayne Mansfield (right) was second but I danced with her in New York and found her built like a tank and as thick as a plank." Clark, a film maker and writer, is more complimentary about the winner. Marilyn Monroe (left). "I worked with her on The Prince and the Showgirl and knew her very well. We were just friends as she had recently married."The greatest omission, he argues, is Vivien Leigh, "She," he sighs, "was wonderful."

make way for a carpark and the Palace has endorsed a campaign to save the historic looms. John Boyd Textiles, purveyors of upholstery fabric to the Queen for 150 years. has been told to shift its 19th-century looms from Yeovil. Horsehair weaving is a dying art, protests Anna Smith, a director: "The lown would lose one of the most signifi-cant historical buildings in the world. Our machines are too old to

be transferred and they have been here since the industry started. We would have to close." In a rare foray into industrial disputes, Palacc toilers are to question the closure. This regal intervention has failed to pierce the flint hearts of the freeholder: "The lease is up and I do not care how long it has been there for." To the Tower with him.

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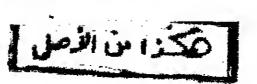
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THE LIVES OF A CAT

Robinson's closeness to Maxwell taints this Government

The post of Paymaster General requires, as the ritle implies, the highest degree of trustworthiness. This Treasury portfolio deals with matters at the interface between government and the private sector, including public-private parmerships, competition policy, corporate tax, procurement and personal savings regimes. Business experience may be an advantage: but because there should be no scintilla of doubt that the public finances are safe with the person holding that office, a previous business career is an asset only where every step in that career can be held, without a trace of embarrassment, up to the light.

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Geoffrey Robinson fails that test. So much is clear from his repeated omissions to declare his business interests. So much is suggested by his decision to relinquish 15 directorships of companies related to the unlamented Robert Maxwell in December 1993, just before a rule-change in the House of Commons would have forced him to declare them. The consequence is that the more missing facts emerge, the more slippery he looks. Doubts are reinforced by the fact that so many bits of the jigsaw have a bearing on his close links to Maxwell.

Mr Robinson appears not to be the resigning sort; had he been, the humiliation of being forced to apologise to the House of Commons for breaking its rules about the declaration of his business interests surely provided the occasion. And Tony Blair appears, where this minister is concerned, not to be the sacking son. On the third, and gravest, occasion when Mr Robinson had fallen foul of the Commons Select Committee on Standards and Privileges, the Prime Minister said merely that an apology which most MPs found gracelessly terse put an end to the matter.

It is not the end. That much has become even clearer since that perfunctory bow to the rules of Parliament. The Department of Trade and Industry is investigating a breach of the Companies Act by Hollis Industries, a Maxwell-owned company of

which Mr Robinson was chairman at the time, whose accounts wrongly stated a £200,000 payment to Mr Robinson. David Heathcoat-Amery, the Shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, has now passed to the DTI a dossier alleging a dozen niher breaches. It is no good complaining of a Tory witch-hunt: these matters are of public concern. So is the 1990 memo on House of Commons paper, in which Mr Robinson assured Maxwell that he had obtained the support of the Overseas Development Administration for an Indian venture by Multiphase Systems, a Maxwell company.

Mr Robinson was not then listed as a Maxwell lobhyist. Perhaps he thought that unnecessary, since, although a glance at the Members' Register would not have made that clear, from 1987 on Mr Robinson was an integral part of the Maxwell empire. Maxwell held 28 per cent of TransTec. the Robinson flagship, until three weeks before his death. As chairman of Hollis Industries, a company which Maxwell controlled, Mr Robinson organised the management buyout from Maxwell of two small engineering companies. On Maxwell's death, their employees found that up to £3 million was missing from their pension funds, money that Mr Robinson immediately wrote promising to make good but which was in fact restored only after lengthy legal negotiations.

The DTI report is keenly awaited. The cumulative effect of this drip-feed of facts about business deals that, mildly stated, seem unnecessarily complicated, and about Mr Robinson's association with Maxwell, is intensely damaging to a Government that makes a point of transparency. Both Mr Blair and Gordon Brown are said to be determined to keep him on. But ministers, unlike cats, are not supposed to have nine lives; this fat cat has already had three and will need more. Each time he survives, it is at the expense of Mr Blair's reputation for plain dealing. He should end this saga now.

THE CROSS OF FRIENDSHIP

A symbol of hope rising above Dresden

State visits reflect, in their ceremony and symbolism, the attempts by two countries to celebrate their historical ties, expand their political and economic links and deepen the friendship between their peo ples. And amid the pageantry, the search for the right symbol to set the appropriate tone is of enduring importance - especially when the visit is burdened with heavy historical baggage. When President Herzog of Germany arrives tomorrow on a four-day state visit, every gesture will be watched with the scrutiny inevitable of two countries that in this century faced each other on the battlefield but whose destiny is now so closely tied together.

It will be not the first state visit by a postwar German president. But rarely has Britain found so potent a symbol of friendship and reconciliation as the one that will be shown to Dr Herzog tomorrow. At Windsor Castle the Queen will invite him to inspect the 18ft gilded orb and cross which Britain is to present to the city of Dresden to grace the pinnacle of the Frauenkirche, the fine baroque church now rising from the rubble to which it was reduced by the devastating Anglo-American air attack on February 13, 1945.

The Brinsh-hased Dresden Trust has collected some £300,000 to help to pay for the restoration of the church that, above all, once symbolised the glory of the city known before the Second World War as the Florence of the Elbe. In addition, thousands of pounds more have been raised in individual British contributions to the estimated £100 million cost of rebuilding the Frauenkirche, a labour of skill, dedication and love that will last for at least

another five years. The Queen saw for herself the still smouldering resentment at the city's destruction by British bombers during her state visit to Germany six years Dresden nas long been a symbol lo both Britain and Germany of the terrible wounds of war as well as the strength of friendship born of reconciliation.

Dresden, however, is also an symbol for a reunified Germany. For it is a city fast rising not only from the ashes of destruction but from neglect and despoiliation by the communists. The East German Government left the Frauenkirche in ruins, partly because it had no money to restore it, but mainly because it had no respect for Germany's religious or princely heritage and thought the ruins would be a potent focus for popular anger at the destruction by the capitalist West. One of Bonn's first acts after reunification was to launch the appeal to rebuild the Frauenkirche; Helmut Kohl was the first individual donor.

Britain should be proud to associate itself with this magnificent gesture. In welcoming Dr Herzog, a lawyer who has been a sensiove president for the past four years, Britain celebrates the more enduring ties that bind this country and Germany, whatever the daily arguments over economic policy and European integration. German art, music and civilisation are central to the Western canon, and their wartime destruction was a tragedy for Britain as well as for Germany. Today Britons and Germans need to be key partners in upholding the values of a peaceful. prosperous Europe. The orb and cross of the Frauenkirche will proclaim these values far beyond the skyline of Dresden.

PERFORMANCE PAY

Teaching needs incentives and a career structure

The teaching profession faces a recruitment crisis. Yesterday. David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, revealed proposals to attract new entrants. Able graduates and skilled existing teachers would be placed on a fast track, with pay rising to reward performance. To many parents and businessmen, this is pure commonsense. Bright people should receive recognition faster than others: otherwise the profession will suffer and bright graduates be deterred from applying. In teaching, the victims are not customers or lost orders, but children who are denied the chance of being taught by an energeoc clever teacher.

Teaching has few attractions for bright graduates. Although the starting salary of £15,000 a year is in line with other professions, after seven years classroom teachers hit a ceiling of £23,000, roughly the borrus that many City traders would receive after a good year. Pecuniary sacrifices could be balanced by job satisfaction, and the notion that teaching is a vocation, valued by the rest of society. Yet the profession's image has been damaged by militant trade unionists, who have fiercely resisted the notion that leachers should be judged by their pupils' exam results, or by their own performance.

The impression that the unions' presence in Britain's classrooms hinders progress in the struggle to raise standards is bolstered

tion to Mr Blunkett's proposals. Good teachers have much to gain from a fast-track system. Teachers of lower calibre may well be left by the wayside. Yet this is the case in every profession. Union leaders appear to be applying the damaging nostrums of progressive education to their own members. Just as many teachers have been trained to believe that pupils' success should not be rewarded, for fear of discouraging other children, so now union leaders argue that high calibre teachers should be denied promotion for fear of insulting their colleagues. Both philosophies have had their day.

Dynamic graduates evaluate a career by the responsibilities and authority they might hold after a couple of decades, when their status will depend on more than just their salary. They want to be sure that, in middle age, they will feel the same sense of worth, fulfilment and recognition as someone who entered any other profession. To achieve this, the culture of the teaching profession must change. Few graduates will view teaching as a serious profession if they see inadequate leachers protected from dismissal by union officials or antiquated practices. A more transparent system is needed, in which talented men and women earn extra pay and responsibilities in return for high performance. This is the way every other profession operates. Teaching should be no different.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Opportunities for business in and out of EMU

From Mr J. E. Nash

Sir, Mr Analole Kaletsky's exegesis (Economic view, November 24) of the advertisement signed by the 114 "top husinessmen" (report, November 23, later edidons) is a fine piece of analysis. It does, however, miss a significant point, namely the utility of the euro 10 non-EMU countries.

The euro will produce complete transparency of prices and cost (including labour costs) within the EMU area and beyond, and will eliminate foreign exchange risks for transactions within the EMU area. It will lead to the elimination of national capital markets within Euroland, so creating a single large European capital market, which is likely to be more liquid, deeper and more diversi-fied in terms of the range of instruments available, than any market in Europe at present.

All three advantages will, however, be available to British industry and husiness whether the UK is in or out of the EMU, as indeed they will be in other countries not members of EMU such as Sweden or Switzerland. There is no reason why Bridsh businesses should not express their prices and costs in euros, and so prufit from any advantages that transparency pro-vides. There are indeed businesses in the UK preparing to do just that

There is also no reason why British husinesses should not enter into transactions and/or contracts (for export or import) denominated in euros, and so eliminate differencal exchange rate risks in dealings with EMU member countries.

Church disturbances

Sir, We write in support of the National Secular Society's campaign

m defence of Peter Tatchell who made

a peaceful protest in Canterbury Cathedral against the Church's dis-

criminatory policies towards homosex-

uals. He will be tried on November 30

for "indecent behaviour in a church".

contrary to Section 2 of the Ecclesiasti-cal Courts Jurisdiction Act 1860

(formerly part of the Brawling Act 1551). Under this Act a jail sentence is

a possibility: a former vice-president

of the National Secular Society was

jailed for two months in 1967 (the last

time this law was so used). We

inappropriate for offences under this

Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act

1860 which gives unjustified privileg-

ed protection to stifle dissent. We

believe disturbances in places of

worship should not be dealt with by

the use of an archaic sweeping and

repressive law applying only to such

places.

Yours sincerely

EDWARD BOND,

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HAROLD PINTER.

CLAIRE RAYNER.

November 26.

situation.

LUDOVIC KENNEDY.

Rural parishes

From Mr Nigel Speller

c/o National Secular Society.

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Sir. Much of the recent correspond-

ence in your columns about the closures of rural churches (report,

November 20: Jetters, November 26)

has emphasised the negative factors. We have read about falling dergy

numbers and the need for a review of

RICHARD HOLLOWAY.

We call for the repeal of the

From the Bishop of Edinburgh

and others

Finally, British industry will have access to the euro capital market, if and when that provides more advantageous opportunities than the sterling or euro-dollar capital markets. The City of Lundon is likely to be an active, if not the most active, player in the euro capital markets, as it was and is in the euro-dollar market Where then is the commercial case for an early entry into EMU which the 114 businessmen appear to advocate, "as soon as the conditions for successful entry are in place", whatev-

er that means. Mr Kalctsky has ably dealt with macroeconomic and political aspects: the three-year transition period from January 1999, when the euro is created, to the beginning of 2002, when it becomes the sole currency within the EMU, will be crucial in judging the success of the EMU construction, particularly in view of economic and insolutional defects of that construction, some of which are surfacing in disagreements between finance ministers and the European Central Bank.

It would seem reasonable then, even to one in principle sympathetic to a final EMU, to await developments during the transition period before considering the abandonment of sovereignty over monetary and exchange rate policy by the UK.

The general economic policy of the UK is already somewhat constrained by its signature of the Maastricht

The final political decision is one for the public, and it is therefore important that it should be accurately

From the Chief Executive of

The House Builders Federation

Sir, Your leader "Browning the land"

November 23 (see also report, same

issue, later editions) is too defeatist

and pessimistic. Whether or not the

next set of household projections

increases the previous 25-year projec-

tions, it is not as difficult as you make

out to provide the homes we need without damaging the countryside.

Lord Rogers of Riverside is due to

report to ministers in January on how

to maximise the use of "brownfield"

land. In our evidence to him we have

pointed to a number of practical

policy and procedural problems asso-

ciated with planning and the treat-ment of contaminated land. If minis-

ters respond to these suggestions in next year's urban White Paper.

housebuilders will be able to bring

forward a great deal of brown land

However, in areas where brown

land will provide less than 40 per cent

of the houses needed, we cannot risk

the economic or social consequences

of massive under-supply. Recognising

this, the Government proposed last

month that sustainable development

should be concentrated in large urban

extensions, maximising the use of

existing infrastructure. Combined,

the brownfield and urban extension

strategies offer a largely urban solu-

tion to the problem, the scale of which

If politicians and planning authori-

ties do not adopt these strategies they

will be left with the field-by-field

trench warfare over housing that, over the last 20 years, has resulted in

more car journeys and, in some

places, damage to real countryside.

that is currently blocked.

informed as events develop up to the year 2002.

Yours faithfully, J. E. NASH (Director of Monetary Affairs. EEC. 1973-77), Chalet Gstelli, 3785 Gsteig b. Gstaad, Switzerland. November 27.

From Professor Alan Watson

Sir. Your claim that British business "is as split as any other part of ociety" (leading article, November 24) is misleading. Every senous survey of British business opinion has shown a majority of British firms in favour of British entry into the curo. A recent FT/MORt poll found 63 per cent backing entry now or in the next Parliament, with 23 per cent opposed.

Anatole Kaletsky suggests that the pro-EMU statement in the Financial Times cancels out a letter published in The Times (June 11) by Business for Sterling "signed by 94 equally pronunent businessmen". But the signatories to the Financial Times' statement represent companies valued at £342 billion - more than ten times the value of those backing Business for Sterling.

It is evident that a clear majority of prominent businessmen in the UK support Britain's entry and that is the unambiguous message of the statement in the Financial Times.

Yours faithfully, ALAN WATSON (Vice-Chairman. European Movementi, 52 Horseferry Road, SWIP 2AF. November 25.

young single people to live away from their parents", they might be expected

plenty of spare bedrooms in bigger

houses" is wishful thinking and

Research published earlier this year

by the National House-Building Coun-

cil concluded that one-person house-

same places. If they are then compet-

ing with families for this housing, it

might well be the "strapped-for-cash"

families who are disadvantaged in the

overcrowding and enforced sharing.

The Royal Town Planning Institute.

From the Director of the Town and

Sir. Two minuses can make a plus.

Take many town centres dying on

their feet and add the need to find

homes for an additional five million

new households: the solution to both

problems must surely lie, at least in

part, in living-over-the-shop schemes,

redeveloping empty and dilapidated buildings for apartments and imagi-

native redevelopment of derelict sites

wood's monocle was polished so

frequently the author forgot whether

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TREVOR ROBERTS.

Yours faithfully

November 25.

for housing.

Director.

Yours faithfully. GRAEME BELL,

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November 23.

President,

rather than homes of their own.

New housing threat to countryside

Eating people is politically incorrect

From Emeritus Professor C. R. Hallpike

Sir. You rightly condemn the use of poliocal dogma to silence anthropologists who assert unpopular truths like the existence of cannibalism (leading article. Eating people is wrong. November 28t. Unfortunately, this is typical of the current state of anthropology.

Over the last thirty years or so anthropologists have increasingly de-fined themselves as apologists and advocates for "tribal" societies in particular, which must always be presented in the most favourable light n contrast to the evil West. Refativism is the dominant creed of the subject. and even the suggestion that some societies have evolved more complex cultures and modes of organization than others is denounced as racialist and colonialist. Some anthropologists have even claimed that we should abandon the search for truth itself. and that we should conduct our research in the spirit of novelists rather than as scientists.

The denial of cannibalism (for which there is abundant evidence in areas such as the Pacific) simply illustrates how far we have to go before anthropology can again claim to be a scientifically reputable subject.

Yours faithfully. C. R. HALLPIKE (Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, McMaster University. Canada). 4 Whitethnm Cottages, Shipton Moyne, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GLS 8PZ, 106145 25@compuserve.com

November 28.

Casanova in new light

to make their homes as lodgers in the From Mrs Monika Pickard Sir, As the bicentenary of Casanova's

death draws to a close, it is refreshing to find The Times reporting a Left Bank row over the prowess and morals of this now so much debated man f'Casanova's conquests split holds want the same form of housing Paris", November 23). This year Casanova scholars have put the as do other households, and in the record straight in symposia at the universities of Berlin, Rome, Grenoble and Bonn and at the Fondazione Cini in Venice. The Bonn colloquium focused on

marketplace, and end up in unsatisfactory overcrowded accommodation Casanova as a man of letters and as a man of science. If would have come as While the planning system must a surprise to the uninidated to hear seek to protect the countryside (and the eminent Casanova scholar Profesthe green spaces in towns) it will not sor Enrico Straub (Berlin) talk about be applauded if underprovision of Casanova's proposal for the reform of housing land leads to homelessness, the Russian Calendar or Professor Gilberto Pizzamiglio (Venice) on Casa-Expecting to reduce demand for nova's erudite literary project - his homes by restricting supply is like translation of the Iliad. trying to abolish death by not

When all is said and done, the author of the infamous memoirs has been rehabilitated. There is no need for feminists to get hot under the collar.

Yours faithfully MONIKA PICKARD. Keeper's Cottage, Coldhill, Aberford, Leeds LS25 3EE. November 23.

Babies' passports

From Mr Vincent B. Ray

Sir, If Lady Engle wishes to "export her granddaughter" with facility (letter, November 23), she should ask her daughter to express her permission in the form of an affidavit sworn before a notary public and then have the document and a translation embossed with the notary's seal.

The French issue a livret de famille (a booklet with the records of spouses' names, date of marriage and names and dates of birth of the children). A claimed relacionship can thus often be authen Ocated.

Yours faithfully. VINCENT B. RAY. 2 Prince Andrew Road, Maidenhead. Berkshire SLo 8QJ. November 24.

From Mr H. R. Goetz

Sir. En route from Copenhagen to Holland by rail via the British zone of occupation of Germany in 1950, my wife and I were assured by the British Embassy in Copenhagen that we did

not need a transil visa for our baby. Naturally we were slopped at the fronder and the border guard demanded a visa for the baby; no reference to the embassy's informaoon would help. My suggestion that my wife's papers and mine were in order and that we would proceed, leaving the infant in his care until we returned in two weeks, was enough to make him change his tune double

H. R. GOETZ. 3 Godstedvej, Herlev, Denmark 2730. November 24.

Glamour stakes

From Mr Trevor Osbourn Sir, If I had a subscription to Playboy

("Playboy's perfect woman is dead sexy". November 25), I should cancel it. Any magazine that rates Ava Gardner as low as 67th doesn't deserve support.

Yours faithfully, TREVOR OSBOURN, 21 Saxon Way, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4EQ.

Plum wrong

Yours faithfully,

J. R. HUMBER

Chief Executive.

From the Editor of Wooster Sauce

Sir, The P. G. Wodehouse Society has some sympathy with Mr D. Less-man's comment (letter, November 27) about the eyeglass attributed to Bertie Wooster in The Spot of Art. Yet it only appeared as a 6in diameter monocle on an advertising poster for soup, which was described by Bertie as "a bally libel on the Wooster face".

Consider the extraneous evidence. Lord Emsworth's pince-nez were forever being lost, lorgnettes of aunts and lady bishopesses were constantly peered through. Galahad Threep-

In this way we hope to meet the reduction in supendiary numbers and provide exciting and somulating op-portunities for the Church to become

Yours sincerely. NIGEL SPELLER (Lay Co-Chairman, Honiton Deanery Synod), Hillhead Orchard, Colyton, Devon EX24 6NJ. November 26.

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November 23. From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

The House Builders Federation,

56-64 Leonard Street, EC2A 4JX.

their pay and conditions of service. but there are positive aspects of this Sir, Your assertion that, because Surely the Church of England is not "there is no inalienable right for facing disaster, but a new opportunity. The Church may have a crisis in its public image, in its finances and its

people of God in every parish.

The question of who does what needs to be related much more closely to the needs of the local church. It is possible to promote the development of a new vision of vocation of all Christian people, and to draw into active service all those who have a

stipendiary numbers, but the minis-

try of the Church is the task of all the

ministry to offer. Discernment and courage are required to find the people. Then they have to be trained and prepared for new tasks. The deanery I serve, embracing over 30 churches in East Devon, has been engaged on such a process in the past few years.

No churches have been closed and no closures are contemplated. Over 60 lay people are engaged on various local courses, preparing themselves for tasks previously the exclusive province of the clergy.

militant once again.

he should replace it in his right or his left øye. Bertie simply could not have worn a monocle for 14 books without it being used in the plot; if he had not

simply mislaid it he would surely have bought it an Old Etonian ribbon of which Jeeves disapproved. Yours sincerely TONY RING.

ditor, Wooster Sauce. The P. G. Wodehouse Society, 34 Longfield, Great Missenden Buckinghamshire HP16 0EG. November 27.

National Trust donors

From Mr Marc Thole

Sir, In joining in the propaganda war on the National Trust's stewardship of country properties, Roger Scruton states ("Don't betray our Trust to the townies", November 23; see also letters, November 12, 17, 27) that "the threat of death duties wrests the estate from the person who is most likely to maintain it ...". This gives a very false impression that properties are wrested from unwilling donors. then left standing in a state of limbo. only visited by an army of volunteer stewards on days they are open to the public.

In fact the inherited estate is frequently still a residence, as in many instances the donor and his family still live there, frequently rent free and with a limited restriction on opening times of some rooms and parts of grounds to the general public and members.

There has been no shortage of donors in the past all too willing to participate in this hiving-off of hefty burdens of repairs and renewals. For many, the memoranda of wishes, currently being used as a bone of contention in the deer-hunting battle. has been seen simply as the icing on a particularly choice cake.

Yours faithfully MARC THOLE 11 Manor Road, Alcombe, Minehead, Somerset TA24 6EH. November 23.

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of The Amir of State of Kuwait

Later His Royal Highness was briefed on Coalition Operations

and Training at Combined Task

Force Headquarters, Camp Doha. The Duke of York afterwards

visited 35 Brigade and met Kuwaiti and British Military personnel and

His Royal Highness later visited

a Tomado Flight Line and Arma-ments Area and was entertained to

Lunch by Royal Air Force person-nel at Ali al Salem Air Base. The Dukle of York this after-noon visited two UNIKOM loca-

tions in the De-Militarised Zone. His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by the Diwan of The Amir of the State of Kunsair

lovember 29: The Prince Edward.

accompanied by Princess Rahma el Hassan, this morning visited the British Council, Rainbow Street.

Amman, to commemorate 50 years

of the British Council's operation

Their Royal Highnesses jointly opened an exhibition at the British

Council owned by Dr Hisham

Khatib before opening the new extension of the language centre and touring the computer laborato-ry, self access centre, the adminis-

library and meeting Council staff.

The Prince Edward, with Princess Rahma et Hassan, later visited the Holy Land Institute for the Deal in Salt and toured the

audiology unity, vocational work-

shops and school classes, meeting

Hospital restoration project and the Anglican Church in the centre

This afternoon The Prince Ed-

nesses subsequently visited the School of Mosaics and Archaeologi-

cal Park, Madaba, His Royal Highness latyer visit-

ed the Noor Al Hussein Perform-

ing Arts Centre and watched Flashes, a co-production between

the Centre and the British Council,

a presentation of acting and improvisation skills by young students of the Centre and a

ballet/dance demonstration, and

subsequently met staff, performers

and supporters of the Centre whilst

viewing a children's art display

and puppet workshop.

The Prince Edward this evening

attended a Reception given by Her

Majesty's Ammbassador to the

Hashemite Kingdon of Jordan (His Excellency Mr Christopher Battiscombe) at the Residence.

attended a Dinner given by Prin-

cess Rahma el Hassan at her

Residence in Jebel, Amman,

His Royal Highness afterwards

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 28: The Duke of York was received this morning by The Amir of the State of Kuwait at

His Royal Highness afterwards called upon The Crown Prince and Prime Minister (Sheikh Saad al Abdullah al Salem al Sabah) at Bayan Palace.

The Duke of York later called upon the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (Sheikh Sahah al Ahmed a Jaber al Sabah) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His Royal Highness afterwards called upon the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence (Sheikh Salem Sabah al Salem al Sabah) at the Ministry of Defence.
The Duke of York was subsequently entertained to Lunch by The Amir of the State of Kuwait at

Bayan Palace. His Royal Highness this after noon visited a Hunting and Eques-trian Club and toured the facilities. The Duke of York later viewed items from the Al Sabah Islamic Art Collection at Fintas, accompa-nied by Sheikh Nasser Sahah al Ahmed al Sabah

His Royal Highness this evening attanded a Reception at the British Embassy given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Kuwait(His Excellency Mr Gra-

ham Boyce].
The Duke of York afterwards attended a Dinner given by Sheikh Salem Sabah al Salem al Sabah at

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 28: The Prince Edward this morning opened the British Design and Art Direction Exhibi-tion at the Al Riwaq Exhibition Hall, Intercontinental Hotel, Am-

His Royal Highness afterwards opened "A Taste of Britain", a promotion of British foodstuffs, at the Ahlia Abela Superstore, Amman, before meeting British Em-bassy staff and their families at the Embassy Club, Amman.

The Prince Edward this afterpoon attended a Chevening Alumnl Association Lunch at the Interontinental Hotel, Amman. His Royal Highness, with The Crown Prince and Princess of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, later visited the Amman Baccalau-

reate School to present Gold Awards for the Crown Prince's Award, a member of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, before attending a Reception for the Award recipients and youth leaders.

and youth leaders.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a Dinner given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (His Excellency Mr Christopher Battiscombe) at the Residence in Amman.

November 29: The Duke of York this morning received the Diwan

Memorial

Aiss Christine Morrison A celebration of the life of Miss Christine Latto (Kirstie) Morrison, Member of the Society of Oxford Home-Students 1923-27. Tutor in English 1933, Fellow of St Anne's College, Oxford, 1952 and Emeri-tus Fellow 1973 was held in the Mary Ogivie Theatre, at St Anne's

College, on Saturday, Mrs Jean Morley, Miss Grace Riddell, Mr Moricy, Miss Grace Riddell, Mr Michael Thwaites and Dr Rose-mary Pountiney gave readings. Mrs Ruth Deech, college principal, Lady Bullock, Dr Charis Waddy, Mr Peter Everington and Dr Marjorie Reeves, FBA, were the speakers. Music was performed by Miss Katharine Seaton and Miss Lestie Wu.

The night sky in December

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is at inferior conjunction on the 1st when it passes between the Earth and the Sun and will then become a morning object. During the second and (Sheikh Nasser Muhammed al Ahmed al Sabah) at Bayan Palace. third weeks of December it should he visible low in the southeastern dawn sky from about 06h 45m until it is lost in daylight. By the 15th it will be rising nearly two hours before the Sun and be brighter than 0 magnitude. It reaches greatest western elongation from the Sun on the 20th (22 degrees) but by then will be becoming difficult to see. The waning crescent Moon will be to the northeast on the 17th.

Venus is an evening star setting only minutes after the Sun on the lst but about an hour after sunset by the 31st. At -3.9 magnitude it should be seen easily by Christ-mas, although it will still be low in southwestern twilight. Venus will be a brilliant evening object into next summer

Mars is in Virgo and not yet on the monthly chart, brightening to 1.1 magnitude by the 31st when it will be rising in the east about 01h. Moon nearby on the 12th. Jupiter is in Aquarius and a brilliant -2.3 magnitude, setting by 22h 30m by the end of the month. Moon close by on the 24th-25th. Saturn is in Pisces and 0.4 magnitude reaching a stationary point by the 30th after which it will resume its direct or eastward motion against the stars. It will set about 02h by the end of the month. Moon to the south on the 27th. Uranus and Neptune are both in Capricornus setting about 18h 40m and 18h respectively. Both require optical aid for identifica-

The Moon: full Moon 3d 15h. last quarter 10d 18h, new Moon 18d pupils, teachers and volunteers.
Their Royal Highnesses afterwards visited the Old English 23h and first quarter 26d llh. On the evening of the 3rd the full Moon will be near the bright star Aldebaran in Taurus and during the late evening of the 30th the waxing gibbous Moon will pass very close to the north of the same ward was entertained to Lunch by tar. The Moon will be near Princess Sumiya el Hassan at Madaba and Their Royal High-Regulus in Leo on the 8th-9th.

The Winter Solstice, when the Sun reaches it farthest south and passes through the zenith over th Tropic of Capricorn, is on 22d 02h. Sunset on the 1st is at 15h 50m and on the 31st at 16h 00m while sunrise is at 07h 45m and 08h 08m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 17h 55m and 18h

06h 05m. Algol, the eclipsing binary variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It takes about five hours to fade and normal brightness. It can be seen

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new Museum of Scotland at the Royal Museum, Chambers Street,

Edinburgh, at 11.30.
The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee, will chair a meeting of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Borough

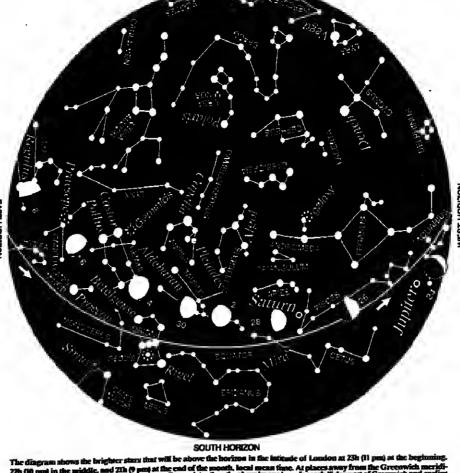
of Windsor and Maidenhead at 6.00 and will attend the Windsor Half Marathon Awards ceremony,

followed by dinner for the trustees at the Guildhall, Windsor.

The Princess Royal, honorary liveryman, Farmers' Company, will attend their court meeting and

05m early and late in the month

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22h (16 pus) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the ma an the Greenwich dense at which the diagram applies are later the an the Greenwich dense at which the diagram applies are later the

when faint this December about the following times: 2d 03h, 4d 23h, 7d 21h, 22d 05h, 25d 02h, 27d 22h and 30d 19h. Algol is marked on the charts and is high in the south in the late evening, above the

The Geminids meteor shower is active every year from about the 10th to the 15th but the greatest number of "shooting stars" should be seen on the night of the 13th-14th when a rate of about one a minute may be expected from a clear, dark sky. The Moon will not inte The Geminid radiant, from which the meteors appear to come, is shown on the chart.

As reported last month, the Giacobinids did not produce large numbers of meteors on October for observers in northwest Europe but in China and Japan, where it was dark earlier, more than 500 an hour were reported, a high rate of

The Leonids meteor shower was expected to reach peak activity during the evening (UK time or GMT) of November 17, and indeed large numbers were seen at this time from China, Japan and

Fletchers' Hall, Cloth Street, ECl. at 10.20; as patron, British Execu-

tive Service Overseas, will attend the annual review meeting and at the CBL Centre Point, New Oxford

Street, WCI, at 2.45; as president, RedR - Engineer's for Disaster Relief, will attend the annual

meeting at the Institution of Me-chanical Engineers. Birdcage Walk at 4.45; and as patron, British School of Osteopathy, will attend a dinner at St James's

Palace, at 7.30.Princess Alexandra

elsewhere in the east where Leo had already risen above the horizon. They did not reach the very high rates of a meteor "storm" that some astronomers had predicted.

Those in the UK hoped that high rates would persist for a few hours longer so that we would see them here. Unfortunately this did not happen and as Leo rose about 22h on the 17th the paucity of meteors suggested, correctly as it turned out, that the best was already over. In parts of East Anglia we were lucky to have two cloudless, fogless nights. A watch from 23h on the 17th until 04h on the 18th netted only 23 meteors, a very disappointing result.

What had not been predicted however was the much higher rate on the morning of the 17th, that is before the peak observed in China and Japan. During the early hours of the 17th from 0th to 05h 30m over 230 Leonids were counted here, and this was in a sky by no means free from light pollution. Many were brilliant bluish and green fireballs, some casting shadows and leaving luminous trains rapidly distorted by the upper

Dinners

Royal Scottish Corporation

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scot-

land and Mrs Main were the

principal guests at the 333rd anniversary dinner of the Royal

Scottish Corporation held on Satur-

Commander D.B. Cairns was in

winds, some persisting for severa Unlike a comet that can be

followed through the Solar System and its future path accurately predicted, meteoric particles can be seen only when they have entered the Earth's atmosphere and become meteors. One cannot be sure that a meteor stream will be intercepted by the Earth and, if it is, the particles could be very unevenly spread along the orbit giving only short bursts of activity. This all affects what we see and when and makes meteor shower prediction an inexact science. The results of the 1998 Leonids may help to refine predictions for 1999 and 2000 when the timing of the

peak may favour the UK. The Times Night Sky 1999 contains monthly star charts and notes. The total eclipse of the Sun in August and major meteor showers are covered. Published by Times Books (price £4.99) it is available in good bookshops or by ringing the HarperCollins Credit Card Hotline on 0870 900 2050 (postage and packing free within the UK).

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Foundation The Queen of Sweden will visit the Drug and Alcohol Foundation, 18 Dartmouth Street, SWI, at 11.00am

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.E.S. Duffus and Miss E.V. Tamlyn The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Duffus, of Heydon, Cambridgeshire, and Emmah, daughter of Mr Johnson Tamlyn. of High Easter, Essex, and Mrs Susannah Tamlyn, of Ranclagh

Grove London SWI. Mr K.W. George and Miss A. Bond

The engagement is announced between Keith, eldest son of the late Mr Islwyn George and of Mrs Patricia Hartfree-Pearce, of London Ell, and Arabella, daughter of the late Mr Rodney Bond and of Mrs Roger Heydon, of South Moreton, Oxon. Mr M.J. Hanlon

and Miss K.R.A. Preston-Fayers The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr Horace Hanlon, of Ryton, and Mrs Thomas Goode, of Bedling ion. Northumberland, and Keziah Ruth Ann. elder daughter of Mr Keith Preston-Fayers, of Scarbor-ough, and Ms A.C. Croft-Jackson, of Highland Park House, Kirk-

or Highland Park Plouse, Kirk-wall, Orkney.
Mr N.P.H. Hudson, MRCVS.
and Miss N.J. Chedgey
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Professor and Mrs Christopher
Hudson of Thornwood Common. Hudson, of Thornwood Common. Essex, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Chedgey. ingstoke, Hampshire. Mr J.F. Kandekore

and Miss D.M. Palmer The engagement is announced between Joseph, son of Mr M.R.O. Kandekore and Mrs 1.L. Kandekore, and Dawn Maria Palmer. Mr D.H. Merton

and Miss V.F. Trotman The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Merton, of Whitestone, Devon, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H.B. Troman, of Bletchingley, Surrey,

and Dr R. Bora The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.R. Porter, of Bath, and Ronita, youngest daughter of and Mrs D. Bora, of Bolton.

Mr J.R. Gerard-Pearse and Miss A.M. Hurst

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Gerard-Pearse, of Oxted. Surrey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Dick, of

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Corby, Northamptonshire. Mr GJ, Willis and Miss V.A.K. Gaymer

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey James, son of Mr and Mrs T.F. (Don) Willis, of Bromley, Kent, and Victoria Anneli Kate, daughter of Mr K.E. (Sam) Gaymer, of Woodnewton, Northamptonshire, and Mrs S.J. Edwards, of Milborne St Andrew, Dorset.

Marriages

Mr R.E.C. Pawson and the Hon Alicia Crossley The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Blundeston, Suffolk, of Mr Robert Pawson, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Pawson, of Windsor Forest, Berkshire to the Hon Alicia Crossley. third daughter of Lord and Lady Somerleyton, of Lowestoft. The

Somerieyion, of Liweson: The Rev Jonathan Riviere officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was amended by Lara and Oscar Cator, Milo Soames, Kane King, Fiona Oxlade and Robert Scott-Moncrieff. Mr James Valentine was best

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr P.C. Ackerman and Dr I. Tan

The marriage took place on Saturday, in Melbourne, between Mr Paul Ackerman, elder son of Mr and Mrs Barry Ackerman, of Bendigo, Australia (formerly Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire), and Dr Irene Tan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tan York Hing, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Mr.I.T.de B. Ross and Miss C. Shivarg

The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, of Jonathan, only son of Mr Alan Ross and Mrs Jennifer Ross, to Camilla, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Alexander

Nature notes

FLOCKS of lapwings and golden plovers are feeding in undisturbed fields. The lapwings are a dramatic sight when they fly up, with their rounded black-and-white wings, but when they are on ploughland they are sometimes hard to see, with their dark backs tinged with green. The golden plovers have glints

of yellow on their brownish backs; when they rise, they fly faster than the lapwings and quickly cut away from them. Mixed flocks of finches and buntings are also roaming the

fields. looking for seeds on patches of waste ground. The commonest birds in the flocks finches, but they may be joined by linets, reed buntings and yellowhammers. The greenfinches also go off on their own to eat the hornbeam seeds still hanging on the trees, while only the goldfinches, with their longer, sharper beaks, can tackle the prickly thistle heads

As the bedges become bare, they reveal crumbling nests of blackbirds and hedge sparrows undetected in the spring. In hedgeside ditches, among a tangle of dying netties and grasses, there are still a few late hogweed flowers, and the aromatic leaves of next year's ground ivy are already coming up.

Birthdays today

Miss Diana Cotton, QC, 57: Mr Graham Crowden, actor, 76; Mr George Duffield, jockey, 52; Sir Victor Goodhew, former MP, 79; mentator and broadcaster, 38; Mr Radu Lupu, pianist, 53; Lord Parry, 73; Miss Marguerite Porter, ballerina, 50; Sir Stanley Rees, former High Court judge, 71; Mr Max Reinhardt, publisher, 83; Mr John H. Scott, Lord-Lieutenant of Shetland, 72; Lord Tope, 55.

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BIRTHS GOOFREY - On November 24th to Irena Inée Litewski) and Richard, a daughter Astrid Franciszka.

GREEN - On 27th November in Carilale, to Roddy and Rosalind (née Williams) a daughter, Tara Nancy. MAYNEAD - On November 27th, 1998, a daughter Chice Anne to Benita and

McARTHUR - On November 18th to Shells (née McLennan) and Iain, a daughter, Saskis Lucy Bardrick, a sister for Olivia.

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THOSESTONE - On November 26th at Barnet General Hospital to Deborah (note Wilding) an Darren, a son, Miles Alexander.

DEATHS SENSON - On Thursday 26th November 1998 peacefully at home, after a short illness, Edward Douglas aged 88 years of Fen Farm, Wavendon, Husband of the late Shella, father of Jane and Charles, grandfather of Euma and Camilla, brother of Elleen, Private cremation, Family Rowers only, donations if

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CARTER - Arthur Reynolds
on 27 November, 1998, in
hospital, aged 86 years
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and Wignora, Kentl.
Widower of Dorothy Ada
(Née Fletcher). A beloved
father and grandfather.
Funeral Service St Mary's
Church, Brandesburton.
East Yorkshire at Lee.

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COOPER - Suddenly, but peacefully at home on Wednesday 25th November. Mary Cooper, widow of Stewart, mother of Peter and Jamet, belowed grandmother and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church Swerford, near Chipping Norton on Thursday, 3rd December at 12 neon. Donations for Swerford Church and the Childrens Society may be sent to J&M Humphris. 12 Albert Street, Banhury OX16 8DG. (01295) 285424.

HAIGH - Rosemary (Ann) née Crapper (B.A. Liverpool) On 24th November 1998 beloved wife of the late Fred and dearly loved mother of Mary. Funeral Service at The Church of the Holy Name, Flexing Road, Cumbernatid on Wadnesday 2nd Documber at 10.00 am. thereafter to Falkirk Cramatorium, Catselon arriving 1f. 30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Victims Support Scotland.

CLARK - Lucy (née Gregory) sged 33 years, on November 28th suddenly after a long illness borne with patience, dignity and humour. Widow of Victor Clark C.B.E., formerly Chief Education Officer of the East Riding of Yorkshire. No Funeral Service at her own request, May she rest in

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DUNBIAM - Margaret in Durham. Beloved wife of Kingsley, on 27th November, aged 30 years. Funeral St Margaret's, Durham. Wednasday 2nd December at 2 15pm. Donations to St Mary's College, Durham.

GBRSON - Peter Harvey, at home after a brief illness, aged 81. Dearly beloved husband of Tinchy (Margaret), and brother of Charles and Keith.
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PERCY - On November 27th 1932, Mary Edith aged 79. Daughter of the late Lord and Lady Percy of Newcastle. Funeral 2.15pm Friday December 4th at Etchingham Church, East Sussex. Flowers or donations in sid of Fabric Fund for the Church to C Waterhouse and Sons F/D, Burwash, East Sussex.

SLATTERY - Geraldine, on 27th November, aged 102, peacefully of the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury-St-Edmunds, widow of Henry Francis, beloved mother of Michael, John and Rosemary. Enquiries to: L.Fulcher, 30 Whiting Street, Bury-St-Edmunds. Tel: 01284 754049.

Today's royal engagements

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YATES - Jane aged 39 years
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Karen, Anthony, Ian and
Duncan. Former Trinity
pupil, graduate of
Loughborough University.

PRIOR – Heien Jean Alice on 24th November, 1938 in hospital in Bath. Widow of O.R.C. Prior, mother of Bentrice, Eve and Maiste, Funeral at St. Mary's R.C. Church. Julian Road, Bath at 10am on Thursday December 3rd. Family flowers only, donations if desired to World Wildlife Fund.

RESZ - Barbara Mary, died on 25th November at Charing Cross Hospital, aged 85. Very dearly loved mother, sister, grandmother and friend, who is sorely missed. Funeral Service to be held at Millbrook Parish Church on Wednesday December 2nd at mid-day. Flowers to Noville Funeral Service, Filtwick Road, Ampthill.

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the chair. The Old Latymerian Association Mr Nigel Sawyer took the Chair at the Annual Dinner of the Old Latymerian Association last Friday Night at Latymer Upper School. Mr Simon Hughes was the

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Robin Ray, actor, broadcaster and writer, died yesterday after a sbort illness aged 63. He was born in 1935.

obin Ray was a versatile and engaging presence in British broadcasting more than thirty years. He made at least 1,000 pro-grammes in his career, from quiz shows, to record reviews, to historical documentaries. But it is for his efforts to broaden the audience for classical music that he deserves to be best remembered.

His own knowledge of the subject was vast. But, whether in programmes he made himself, or in his work behind the scenes at the foundation of the radio station Classic FM, he was guided by a belief that lack of such expertise should never be a bar to enjoyment. Too many people feel that music is difficult," he said. "It isn't. It's just another form of entertainment. That's what I think people should discover."

Robin Ray was born and brought up in North London, the elder of two sons of the popular comedian Ted Ray. He was educated at Highgate School. He once attributed his love of classical music to an improbable cinematic melodrama called While I Live, seen when he was 12; the impact on him of its stirring theme tune, a cod piano concerto by Charles Williams called The Dream of Olwen, was reinforced by a perform-ance of Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto given by Cyril Smith at Hornsey Town Hall. Often, however, he gave credit to his father for introducing him to the music that was to occupy such a vital place in

his life and his career. Ted Ray's own musical enthusiasms may have run more to Perry Como and Andy Williams, but he gave his young son recordings of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony and Beetboven's "Moonlight" Sonata, which left an indelible impression. He also introduced him to the violin. perhaps in the hope that he might one day join him on stage in his variety act. ("Play the violin, son, and you'll always have a living," had been the advice Ted Ray received from his own father. and it was as "Nedlo the Gypsy Fiddler" that he had started his career.)

The boy soon discovered a preference for the piano, however, and with his mother's encouragement took lessons. He had early hopes of a career as a concert planist, but was forced to accept that be "simply wasn't good enough". Any ambitions he might have had to follow his father as a professional comedian were quashed with equal firmness. He had inherited a ready wit and a desire to entertain, but his first and last attempt at a stand-up comedy routine met Jeremy Brett.





with "no applause whatsoever" when he delivered it, aged

21, in a West End nightclub. By then he was already set on a theatrical career. He had studied at RADA and, after National Service with a commission in the Royal Army Service Corps, made his first television appearance in January 1956, in an ITV crime play called The Gurnor, playing alongside Michael Hordern, Coral Browne and Jimmy Hanley as the youngest member of an elaborately businesslike gang of crooks. The programme went out half an hour after an episode of his father's radio show. "Quite a night for the Ray family of Palmer's Green," in the words

of one newspaper report. Robin Ray's younger brother Andrew was by then also an actor, already embarked on a successful theatre career. Robin's own London stage debut came a little later, when he played Antonio in Middleton and Rowley's The Change ling, at the Royal Court in February 1961; Tony Richardson directed a cast that also included Alan Howard and

Ray's other theatre work Connery, none of whom 1 resembled in any way, shape or form". With his boyish good around this time included understudying Dudley Moore in Beyond The Fringe at £35 a looks he was ill-equipped to week. He also took up a make his way as that sort of teaching post at his old drama rugged, barnstorming leading school, serving as Chief Techman; instead, he found a nical Instructor at RADA from perfect niche in the more 1961 until 1965, when he left in intimate media of radio and support of the then principal, television. He was particularly good at asking and answering ques-

John Fernald, who had re-signed over policy differences with the academy's council. tions. He seemed to have a He began to make his name as a broadcaster when he became the first presenter of Call My Bluff on BBC televi-sion. The show, based on an American model, was importapplied to words, in Call My ed to Britain in the early 1960s; it was not then the great Bluff, found subsequent expression in programmes success it would become, but Ray was later happy to return about cinema (The Movie to the word quiz as a panelist, once it had established itself Quiz) and history (Cabbages and Kings). under the chairmanship of

But at the heart of Ray's success as a broadcaster was his love and knowledge of Broadcasting provided a natural and perhaps inevitable music. He had been an avid outlet for Ray's blend of record collector since childenthusiasm, knowledge and hood - "I often think it was to charm. He once observed that do with adolescence," he once said. "At that age we didn't have girlfriends. All we had the actors in vogue when he was a young man were blokes like Peter OToole, was hobbies." Hours of poring Richard Harris and Sean over catalogues had given him 1960, and by their son.

an enguiopaedic knowledge of the standard repertoire ("from Monart to Strawfraky", at any rate), complete with opus numbers.

That implyledge — and his spections: determination to share it — made an enormous like of 1880 2% Monday evening music quiz Face The Music. By the mid-1970s the programme had four mission viewers and could hald its own even when scheduled against Stapton and Son. To his deligit, few of its viewers belonged to the core mulience for classical rousic.

While his own destiled knowledge could impress even the most expert, his engaging manner drew in those who fail they had much to learn. Confident that music should appeal "first to the lacert. second to the ear, thirdly is should please the mind, he sought to reach the widest possible audience in such programmes as his long-running Saturday show on Radio and the regular record reviewing he did for the London commercial station Capital Radio.

He pursued the same aim in books, from Robin Ray's Music Quiz to Favourite Hymns and Carols. But he found the perfect outlet for his talents and ambitions in his work in the early 1990s with the radio station Classic FM. Ray had previously been involved in two abortive bids for the London FM commercial franchise. When the Classic FM bid succeeded, those behind it had the good sense to retain him as a consultant

He built up and classified the Classic FM record library. In the course of a year, he listened to some 10,000 pieces of recorded music, rating them happy or sad, and awarding them stars to indicate accessi bility, from four for Pachelbel's Canon to one for a Shostakovich String Quartet. He described himself as a sort of musical Egon Ronay, Ris work was one of the most significant factors in Classic FM's success. He was later involved in a legal battle with the station over the overseas copyright of the music database he produced.

passion for facts — not all of them trivial, by any means — doned his theatrical career, and he had a rare ability to His acting appearances includmake the pursuit and display ed a role in the musical Side of knowledge for its own sake by Side by Sondheim in 1977, ed a role in the musical Side seem fun. That ability, first and he himself wrote or devised and presented a number of shows. Among them were Tomfoolery at the Criterion in 1980; Let's Do It! at the Chichester Festival in 1994; and Café Puccini at Wyndham's in 1986. The latter, a full-length play based on the life of the opera composer, was the fruit of an association with Andrew Lloyd Webber. Robin Ray is survived by his wife Susan Stranks, the ac-

tress and former presenter of the children's programme Magpie, whom he married in

PROFESSOR PETER DANIEL

Professor Peter Daniel, neuropathologist, died on Newtuber 19 aged 88. He was born on November M. 1910.

PETER DANIEL was one of the most influential physiolo-gists of his time. This may seem an odd way to describe a professional neuropathologist. but it reflects the catholicity of his interests.

He was indeed an outstanding neuropathologist, learning and exercising his craft in Sir Hugh Cairns's department at Oxford. Neuropathology was a highly developed and well defined speciality, and its practitioners usually kept strictly within its limits. But not Daniel.

He was as interested in fiving physiology as in dead pathology. He worked with David Whittenidge, later Pro-lessor of Physiology at Oxford, doing outstanding work on vision, showing that the retina in animals was as refined and efficient as in man. (They used goats for their investigations. in those days of food shortages, because these provided milk as well as experimental

subjects.) As a young man Daniel also did highly original research on the circulation of blood in the kidney, with colleagues in Cambridge, and he later made an important study of the pinuitary gland. But his contribution to medicine was much wider than

pathology and physiology. He was a great "fixer", in the best sense of the term. This was apparent in all the many offices he held in various parts of the medico-scientific establishment. He served as president of a number of medical societies, among them the British Neuropathological Society and the Medical Society of London. He had a great interest in medical history, reflected in his presidencies of the Harveian Society of Lon-

don, the Osler Society, and the

history section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

The happy effects of his "networking" were perhaps particularly evident in his chairmanship of the Physiological Society, when he gave some notable dinner parties at the Garrick Chib, of which he the Garrick Club, of which he was a devoted member, bring-ing together committee members of the society and cabinet ministers and other senior politicians. (One such occasion ended, unforgettably, with a prominent female politician, perhaps a little over-tired after a long day, falling down the steep steps of the entrance hall of the Garrick; Daniel helped



her to her feet and dusted her down, saying "There you are my dear.") His social contacts were greatly helped by his cheerful and original conversation; he was always making unexpected and original points, not only about science.

Peter Maxwell Daniel was the son of a consultant surgeon at Charing Cross Hospital. He was educated at Westminster School; St John's College, Cambridge: New College, Oxford; and at Charing Cross Medical School. A few years after qualification he was appointed to the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford and his career took off.

A consultant pathologist at the Radcliffe from 1948 to 1956. with an Oxford University appointment as senior re-search officer from 1949, he also served from 1952 as honorary consultant in neu-ropathology to the Army at Home (a post he was to hold until 1977). In 1957 he was appointed Professor of Neu-ropathology in the University of London, and from then until his retirement in 1976 was attached to the Institute of Pyschiatry at the Maudsley Hospital.

Throughout his life he was enormously generous to the young, descrying their future potential, and bringing them on by proposing their election to one or other of his numerous medical societies.

He remained highly active even in what might have been his retirement. From 1976 he worked as a Senior Research Fellow in the department of applied physiology and surgi-cal science at the Royal College of Surgeons' Humerian Institute laboratories, and from 1981 he was Visiting Senior Re-search Fellow at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, At the age of about 80, however, he declined into a depression which plagued him for the rest of his life, despite the efforts of his many friends and the devotion of his wife, Marion (née Bosanquet, a granddaughter of the American President

Grover Cleveland).
The diversity of Daniel's professional bonours and appointments - founder Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Pathologists and Psychiatrists; Fel-low of the Royal College of Physicians; life member of the Anatomical Society of Great Britain; and many others - is a fitting reflection of his

exceptional range of interests.

Peter Daniel was married three times. He leaves his widow and six children: two sons and three daughters by his first wife (who died), and a son by his second (who also survives him).

Robert Robinson.

Theodore Newhouse. co-founder of the American publishing empire, died on November 28 in New York City aged 95. He was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on July 19, 1903.

THE CAREER of Theodore Newhouse has all the ingredients of a rags to riches Hollywood movie. The film, if it were made, would begin on the streets of New Jersey, where the young Theodore, child of poor immigrants from Eastern Europe, began hawking newspapers to contribute to the family finances. By the time the credits rolled, he would be at the head of a billion-dollar media empire. Along with his brothers

Samuel 1, (who died in 1979) and Norman, (who died in 1988) Theodore Newhouse was the founder of one of Amerita's largest publishing companies. The Newhouse family holdings, now run by the pers, he kept up an active

second and third generations of the clan, include 26 newspapers in 22 US cities; the Conde Nast magazine group, which publishes The New Yorker, Vanity Fair. Vogue and GQ: Parade, a Sunday newspaper supplement; American City Business Journals, published in 30 cities; and interests in cable television systems.

Theodore Newhouse's area of expertise lay in newspaper management and production. Unlike that of most media magnates at the time the company was founded in the early 1920s, the Newhouse brothers' leadership style was largely hands-off. They believed in autonomy for local publishers and editors, and Theodore, who was business manager of the Long Island Press for 45 years until the paper was shut down in 1977, never deviated from those principles. An associate publisher of Newbouse Newspainvolvement in the business until his health began to fail a decade ago.

THEODORE NEWHOUSE

Born in New Jersey, Theodore Newhouse was one of eight children of a Russian father and Austrian mother. The Newhouse brothers began their foray into print in 1922, when Samuel I purchased an ailing newspaper The Staten Island Advance.

Samuel became publisher and Theodore, aged 19, was recruited to run classified advertising. Following a suc-cessful stint in that department, he was appointed general business manager as well as part-time reporter. A lover of the arts, particularly music and dance, he turned in concert reviews and a column. Further successful ventures followed, as the brothers embarked on an aggressive expansion campaign that would add newspapers, magazines and cable relevision to their

portfolio. When they acquired

the Portland Oregonian in husband, the former Times 1950 for \$5.6 million, it was the and Sunday Times editor largest cash transaction in the history of American newspa-

As the founding brothers began to age, they shepherded Samuel's sons into the family business. Today the company, which is still privately owned and has estimated profits of \$200 million per year, is run by Samuel I Jr ("SI") and Donald Newhouse.

While Theodore Newhouse kept a fairly low profile, and the newspaper arm of the family company received relatively little press, his nephew SI Newhouse, chairman of Advance Publications, parent company of Condé Nast, was often to be found making headlines. It was SI who made the British journalist Tina Brown editor of Vanity Fair in 1984, and later gave her charge of another family property. The New Yorker, and it was he who appointed her

Harold Evans, as founder editor of Conde Nast Traveller and subsequently made him president of Random House, the publishing giant also owned by the Newhouse family. Both Evans and Brown have since left the Newhouse fold, amid much publicity.

While SI became an influential collector of contemporary art. Theodore Newhouse devoted his energies outside the newspaper business to dance and philanthropy. With his second wife Caroline, he donated generously to the New York City Opera, the Jacob's Pillow Dance Group, and Career Transition for Dancers, a non-profit organisation that helps dancers to make the transition to other careers on retirement.

He is survived by his wife and two grand-daughters, a daughter having predeceased

WING COMMANDER RONALD KELLET

Britain fighter ace, died on November 12 aged 89. He was born on September 13, 1909.

STOCKBROKER turned fighter pilot, Ronald Kellett was chosen to form the famous 303 "Warsaw-Kosciusco" Squadron, which ended the Battle of Britain with more combat victories - 1171/2 enemy aircraft confirmed destroyed than any other RAF unit. Under Kellett's leadership the Poles made a name for themselves throughout the RAF, not only breaking up Lufwaffe attacks but relentlessly harrying the raiders back to the. Channel as they tried to make their escape. Many a fleeing German pilot found himself

shaken by the sheer fury of

303's legendary assault. Yet when he took over his new squadron Kellett found that most of his pilots -"refugees" from the Polish and French campaigns — had not received any pay since being in England. When Churchill visited the squadron Kellett spoke to him, pointing out that he was paying them out of his own pocket "as if we were in the Crimean War". Churchill soon had them taken on the

ration strength of the RAF.

The only other teething problem No 303 had was that it possessed no vehicle to take its pilots out to "scramble" their aircraft. Kellett was offered a lorry, but felt it lacked the derring-do image expected of a fighter squadron. Thereafter his 1926 open-topped Rolls-Royce, "Rosie", was used for the purpose. Educated at Rossall School,

Ronald Gustave Kellett initially flirted with a political career and was a prospective National Conservative candidate for

Wing Commander Ronald Chester-le-Street in 1931. But bution he had enabled its Kellett, DSO, DFC, Battle of he spent his working life as a airmen to make to the battle stockbroker. After leaving school he had worked briefly as a postboy on the Liverpool Stock Exchange but at 18 he went to London where he joined the stockbroking firm of Laurence Keen and Gardner. He was to remain there until his retirement at 64, apart from his years of war

> In 1933 he joined 600 (City of London) Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, later transferring to



616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron, AAF, at Doncaster. In May 1940 he went to 249 Squadron as a flight commander, but was almost immediately posted on, this time to command No 303.

The squadron was soon in the thick of the action over southern England and Kellett had his first kill, a Messerschmitt 109, on August 31. Between then and the end of the Battle of Britain be shot down three more aircraft as well as claiming a number of probables; he was awarded the DFC in October 1940. The Polish Government in Exile also awarded him its Virtuti Militari in December of that year in acknowledgement of the contri-

against the Germans through his inspiring leadership.

In December 1940 he was

appointed to form 96 Souadron of nightlighters, operating from Cranage in Cheshire, in defence of Liverpool, then being heavily attacked by the Luftwaffe. As he later recalled with amusement, the widelypublicised diet of carrots thought to improve night vision, was in reality a blind for the fact that the nightfighters' effectiveness was owed to their radar. In March 1941 he was promoted to command the North Weald fighter wing.

At the end of 1942 he was rested from operations, by that time having brought his score to 8. He had also earned a DSO to add to his DFC. He next had a period as a Member of Council for Training at the Air Ministry and from 1943 was an instructor at the Turkish Air Force Staff College at Ankara. At the end of the war he returned to the United Kingdom and was demobbed.

He returned to the Stock Exchange, but it was not the end of his flying career. He rejoined the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (as the AAF had become after the war) and commanded 615 Squadron of Spitfires at Biggin Hill from 1946 to 1949. From 1948 he farmed in Kent, enjoying such country pursuits as hunting and shooting, and also sailing at Rye Harbour. In 1973 he planted a small vineyard in partnership with his brother Alfred, which produced wine for the family for some years until it was destroyed in the great storms of 1987.

His wife Daphne, whom he married in 1939, died in 1994. He is survived by their two sons and three daughters.

Latest wills

Madalyn Jean Farley, of Amer-sham, Buckinghamshire, left es-tate valued at £1,962,620 net. Sydney Percival Farr, of Roberts-bridge, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,630,929 net. He left til0000 to both the Children's Society and the Officers Association of the British Legion: 15,000 to Laymer Founda-ion, Hammersmith.

n, Hammersham Stanley Hadfield, of Bury, Lancashire, left estate valued al Henry Kenneth Hardwick, of Portbury, North Somerset, left estate valued at £2,131,883 net.

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Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,438,083 net. Helen Lydia Victoria Bowring, of Arkholme, Carnforth, Lanca-shire, left estate valued at £1,059,142 net Jack Jacob Dolland, of London

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ping Campden, Glouestershire, left estate valued at £1.666,195 net. He tel tillood to both the Campden Area Home Nursing Trust and St Jamer's Charch, Chipping Campden. William Frederick Myall, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,611,183 net. Greville Douglas Corrin Phillips, of Topsham, Exeter, left estate valued at £1,258,981 net. Ruby Anna Richards, of Saint Martin, Guernsey, left estate val-ued at £1,852,375 net. Kathleen May Rising, of Rother

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MAJORITY VOTE FOR **SUNDAY CINEMAS**

CROYDON, Nov. 29

The Referendum on the Sunday opening of cinemas in Croydon was taken today. The question on the ballot papers was: Are you for or against the proposal that application should be made to Parliament for powers enabling the Town Council to allow cinemature. enabling the Town Council to allow cinematograph entertainments on Sundays in this borough? The result was announced last night as follows: For 34,617; against 24,386; majority

There were 63 polling stations for the 118,555 electors on the local government register. Polling went on from 8 am to 8 pm.
The Bishop of Croydon himself voted early, in favour of Sunday opening. Lord Rochester, the Paymaster-General, drove a car in the opposing interest. Most of the printed exhortations to Vote for Sunday Cinemas were on motor-cars; most of the posters offering contrary counsel were displayed in front of churches. Mothers of Croydon one of them advised guard the heritage of the Lord's Day for your children! Another said: 'Do not run the risk of being yourself compelled to

work on Sundays?"
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ON THIS DAY

November 30, 1932 **学**

Before cinemas were permitted to open on Sundays, under an Act of 1932, a poll of local electors had to be held. Even then it was not always plain sailing

Sunday opening included men and women up to the age of 80. The cinema interests complained that young people on whose support they could have counted were largely excluded by the terms of the municipal franchise from recording theirs. The cinemas had, on the other hand, an uniar advantage in the numerous pretty girls who had come from Elstree to take part in the campaign for them. Loud-speaker vans, an open-air cinema van, crocodiles of sandwichmen, and hoardings were all impressed into service by one side or the other.

The Sunday Entertainments Act 1932 provides that if a poll of local government electors declares in favour of Sunday opening of cinemas, the local authority may then ask the Home Secretary for an Order giving the borough power to grant licences for Sunday performances, if conditions stipulated in the Act are attached to the licences. The conditions that must be observed under the conditions that must be conserved under me Act, if licences are granted, aim at safeguarding the weekly rest-day of employees, and at providing out of the profits of Sunday opening contributions to charities and to a Cinematograph Fund.

It is, however, open to the local authority to

attach any other conditions that it may desire ander any other conditions tout it may desire to the licence. At Croydon it is proposed by the Bishop of Croydon — and his plan is supported by the film industry — that any films exhibited on Sundays must have the previous sanction of a selection committee.

At Croydon the Anglican clergy were divided on the issue, and the Free Church leaders were almost all opposed to Sunday opening. The cinema industry took an active part in organizing the agitation for performances under the rules proposed by the Bishop.

The casest was a campaign resembling a The result was a campaign resembling a municipal election, with the difference that it was considerably livelier and evoked much more interest than Croydon has devoted to its

inspector

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NEWS

Attack on Whitehall absenteeism

■ A Whitehall attack on bureaucracy, absenteeism and fraud is to add hundreds of millions of pounds to spending on frontline services under government plans to be unveiled before

All Cabinet ministers and heads of key Whitehall agencies have agreed "efficiency targets" with the Treasury — including measures to cut "unauthorised absences" by civil servants by 20 per cent over two years

Mandelson friend hits out at 'smears'

■ Martin Dowle, the director of the British Council in Rio de Janeiro, has hit out at what he called the "smears and innuendo" directed at Peter Mandelson and himself over the Trade Secretary's visit to the city last July. He attacked William Hague for "fuelling the smears"

Schools surge ahead The specialist schools which ministers hope to use as a model to modernise state education will leave other comprehensives trailing in their wake when this year's examination league tables are published tomorrow, according to the schools' own breakdown of Page i

Weldon's spy link

Fay Weldon, the novelist and feminist, has revealed for the first time that she worked for a secret unit linked to M16 in the 1950s and how she was told "not to look" when members of the Secret Intelligence Service walked by Page 1 her office...

Business merger plan Peter Mandelson is to take the first steps towards removing the government's role as final arbiter in controversial business "Page 2

Plea to kidnappers

A High Court judge has made an impassioned plea for the return of two young sisters who have not been seen since they were kidnapped by their foster parents nearly three months ago .. Page 3 Misconduct queries

A leading hospital professor faces questions by the General Medical Council over an apparent inconsistency in evidence he gave to a disciplinary hearing that cleared him of serious professional Theatre shines again The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester opens its doors tonight to the public for the first performance since an IRA bomb devastated the city centre in Page 6

Thinking think-tank

Civil servants at the Department of Education and Employment are to have lessons in thinking, to develop bright ideas on schools and jobs. Dr Edward de Bono, the world guru on creative thinking, has been called in to instruct

German state visit

Roman Herzog, President of Germany, arrives in Britain tomorrow in the middle of a new anti-German feeding frenzy, but he seems relaxed about the prospect. "I think you have distinguish between what sometimes appears in the tabloid press and reality," he said _____ Page 10

Death row fugitive

A dragnet of 500 police and state troopers combed dense woods for a third day looking for a killer who made the first escape from death row in 64 years Page 13 Dictator's legacy

The son of Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the brutal African dictator who spent £16 million on his coronation as Emporer of the Central African Republic, is now homeless, jobless and penniless on the streets of Paris..... Page 15

Buckingham delights, naturally

A remarkable range of wildlife, from moths, butterflies and birds to plants, ferns and new species of fungi, has been discovered in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. The London Natural History Society was granted unprecedented access to the 39 acres surrounding the palace, and found that they rank



Nottingham artist Alan Parkinson's 15,070sqft inflatable artwork is the perfect resting place for architecture student Lisa Silver

BUSINESS

Merger frenzy: The management vacuum at Barclays Bank is expected to trigger a new merger roundabout ..

Euro hopes dashed: Wim Duisenberg, president of the European Central Bank, has contradicted recent suggestions that their interest rates will be cut to mark the launch of the euro Page 52

Takeover anger: Two sets of disgruntled Bankers Trust shareholders are already suing over the \$9.5 billion takeover by Deutsche Bank, expected to be announceed this Page 52 morning...

Non-trivial pursuit: A company dedicated to bringing brainpower into parlour games has started with a boardgame version of the novel Sophie's World Page 52 | £14m jackpot

FEATURES

Global meltdown: In the first extract from his new book, George Soros warns that the world's financial system is heading for breakdown ____Pages 16-17 Why padded sells: Adding a bit of

THE TIMES TODAY

substance to your dress sense can be so chic...Page 18 Wardrobe editing: A style consultant survey's fashion editor Lisa Armstrong's clothes. The wardrobe is almost bare Page 19 Special report: On the eve of the State visit by President Herzog, a four-page look at Germany and its links with Britain Pages 43-46

LOTTERY NUMBERS

4, 25, 26, 30, 37, 45. Bonus: 46 One person won Saturday night's

☐ General: southwest England and west Wales will have light rain. The rest of Wales and most of England will be

dry, staying chilty, with risk of showers towards the east coast. Northern ireland and western Scotland will be

milder with some rain; Eastern Scot-

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chilly, surmy spells, possible showers to east. Light N wind. Max 9C (48F).

☐ Cent N, NE England: chilly, light rain to N Light winds. Max 8C (48F).

and will be brighter but cold.

AUTS. Scottish pride: Today the Queen

opens the new Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, a home to historical treasures that have never been seen Page 20 in public....

Birthday boy: Elliott Carter, the uncompromising American composer, was on hand at the Barbican to hear his work celebrated for his 90th birthday

Backstage drama: When London's Theatre Royal Stratford East found out it had been awarded lottery millions to build a new arts centre. it was delighted. Now the project is under threat

High priestess: Björk brings the final leg of her world tour to Birmingham's Symphony Hall and proves that she is the world pop champion.

TOMORROW

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IN THE TIMES

Turner's Travels: Richard Cork on the Tate Gallery's lavish new exhibition

LAW Legal flaws? Female lawyers are taking a stand against sex

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across East Anglia and south-east.

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Footbalt: Manchester United moved back into second place in the FA Carling Premiership when Nicky Butt's first goal of the season gave them a 3-2 win over Leeds ...Page 27

SPORT

Cricket Although Graeme Hick helped to restore his reputation and Alex Tudor began to make his. England are still facing a humiliat-. Page 29 ing defeat_

Tennis: Despite his defeat by Carlos Moya in the semi-finals of the ATP Tour world championship, Tim Henman can look back on a year in which he has enhanced his reputation...

could not disguise the fact that England still make far too many basic errorsPage 37 Football: Rangers won their first trophy under the management of Dick Advocaat when they overcame St Johnstone 2-1 in the final of the Scottish League Cup

. Page 33

Rugby union: An encouraging per-

formance in the defeat by Australia

THE PARTY. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, is accused of lacking the vision of his Labour predecessors. But grand visions are not always the answer in regional conflicts. It may be that the conservative Netanyahu will in the end help to construct a peace based on small steps dictated by the real facts of everyday life.

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RADIO & TV . 3

Preview: A commemoration of the bicentenary of the 1798 Rebellion. Sound Stories (BBC2, 7.30pm) Review: "Cold Feet (ITV, Sunday) must be one of the cleverest confections ever to appear on the sweettrolley of contemporary television. Paul HoggartPages 50, 51

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Lives of a cat Geoffrey Robinson appears not to be the resigning sort; had he been, the humiliation of being forced to apologise to the House of Commons for breaking its rules about the declaration of his business interests surely provided the

Cross of friendship

Britons and Germans are key partners in a peaceful, prosperous Europe. The orb and cross of the Frauenkirche will proclaim this far beyond Dresden Page 23

Performance pay

If teachers wish to be respected more, they need to recognise that more is expected of them. Few graduates will view teaching as a serious profession if they see inadequate teachers protected from dismissal by union officials or antiquated practices_____ Page 23

PETER RIDDELL

Ministers also sound increasingly like managers rather than politicians offering a lead. Mr Blair's speech in the Commons sounded like the report of the chief executive of New Labour plc Page 22 ANGELICA GOODDEN

For every act of architectural dese-

cration forestalled, another couple are successfully carried through: for one borough that resists the planners, two more will connive with them ... **WILLIAM REES-MOGG**

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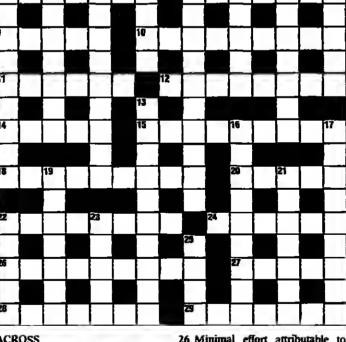
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sor Peter Daniel, neuropathologist; Ted Newhouse. US publisher Page 25

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Business and the euro; cannibalism is politically incorrect; building

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,961 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each

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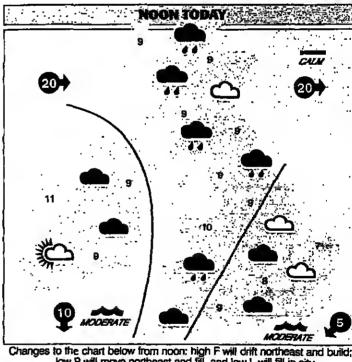
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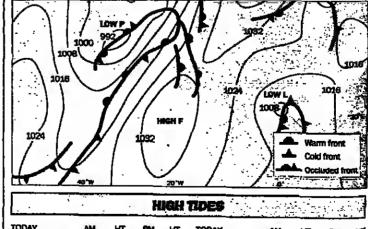
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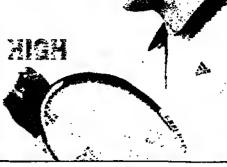
Close encounter England given pause for thought at Twickenham PAGE 37

UNDER THE SKIN OF SPORT

PITCH BATTLE Australia put England to the sword in second Test **PAGE 29**

AIMING HIGH

Henman and Rusedski ready to scale the heights **PAGE 28**



MONDAY NOVEMBER 30 1998

Butt ends the suffering for Ferguson

THEIR performance in the Nou Camp was always going to be a hard act to follow, but Manchester United just about managed it at Old Trafford yesterday. Against a Leeds United team that played some MANCHESTER fine football of their own, Alex UNITED Ferguson's side turned what could easily have been a nasty **LEEDS**

UNITED

pomp and pageantry.
Instead of those wonderful by Oliver Holt **Football Correspondent** goals from Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole that so nearly vantil the final whistle as Leeds, quished Barcelona, there were brimming with confidence fine strikes from Ole Gunnar and élan, pressed for an equal-Solskjaer, Roy Keane and iser, but United's victory best of all, Nicky Butt to admoved them into second place mire. And even if there was no in the FA Carling Premier-ship, right on the heels of spire their Opposition, Harry Aston Villa, who they meet at Kewell tortured them with his Villa Park on Saturday.

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Show" into another parade of

That was a major result for grace and incision. Most of all, the games were us," Ferguson said. "Leeds have been in sparkling form linked by the glorious spontaneity and unpredictabilty that and no matter how much I United seem suddenly to have tried to freshen the team up embraced. If no match apafter the Barcelona game, pears beyond them at the mothere is always going to be a bit of a draining effect from that. In the past, Leeds would ment, then no game seems safe, either. They are riding have come here and defended their luck and trusting to all like hell, but all the young players they have got have had a the attacking extravagance that is at their disposal, even if Devid Beckham was rested on positive effect. They made it the most entertaining game I this occasion. have seen against Leeds in my

The result was in doubt un-

time at Old Trafford. It was nerve-tingling," Leeds do, indeed, appear a

new team under David O'Leary. For all the vigour and discipline instilled by George Graham, they are playing like liberated men. They, too, are more unpredictable, more vulnerable, more potent. The imminent purchase of David Batty from Newcastle United will strengthen them

"He should never have been allowed to leave in the first place," O'Leary said. "He can help to put Leeds back on the map. But I can also guarantee that players like Nigel Martyn and Lucas Radebe will not be leaving in exchange." United started the stronger

side. Cole brought the first significant save from Martyn in the seventeenth minute and the Leeds goalkeeper frustrated United again soon after, tipping Butt's header on to the crossbar and injuring his back

in the process.

After half an hour, Leeds went ahead. Kewell played a short ball in to Hasselbaink, who was allowed to turn and run at Phil Neville. Hasselbaink's shot flew past Schmeichel's right hand and in off the near post.

Martyn, his back so sore that he could hardly kick the ball, somehow managed to deflect a shot from Butt away with his right foot and Kewell should have increased Leeds's advantage when he lobbed Schmeichel but put the ball wide of an empty net.

Leeds rued that profligacy on the stroke of half-time, when Solskjaer drove his angled drive past the stricken Martyn after a neat pass from Yorke, and 20 seconds into the

Ferguson's flying start....30 Anelka rescue act.....31 Rangers hoist cup.

second half United took the lead, Keane sidefooting Scholes's cross into the roof of the net past Robinson, Martyn's replacement.

Now the match was in full flow. Kewell equalised in the 52nd minute, capitalising on a mistake by Brown and chipping the ball calmly over Schmeichel. Three minutes after that, Keane appeared to have been brought down by Wetherall and, in the rumpus that followed the turningdown of the appeals, Keane renewed hostilities with Haaland, the player he was trying to foul when he sustained his knee injury last season.

Kewell could have put Leeds back in front after Hasselbaink's superb turn and pass, but shot into the side netting. The stage was left clear for Butt, who turned smartly on Phil Neville's pass in the 78th minute and rifled his shot high into the net from 12 yards. Another response from Leeds was awaited, but it never came. This was not Barcelona, after all. Not quite. BATTERIOTAL ARTER 11. TVOT QUINE MANACHESTER UNITED (4-3-3): P Sch-meichel — W Brown, J Stam (subt. H Berg /Firmi), G Neville, P Noville — P Scholes (sub. E Sterngham, 7-2), R Keane, N Butl — A Cote (sub. R Giggs, 65), O Yorke, O G Stelenn

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Butt celebrates the brilliant goal that earned Manchester United a thrilling victory over Leeds United at Old Trafford yesterday while, below, Gary Neville congratulates Keane, right, after he had given them the lead for the first time. Main photograph: Clive Brunskill/Allsport

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Moya after a marathon four-hour climax to the ATP

Tour world championship

Moya looked sure to be

a two-set lead in this

all-Spanish affair. Yet

Corretja, who had saved

the semi-finals 24 hours

the resources for a

greater drama than a

litchcock thriller.

three match points in defeating Pete Sampras in

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magnificent fightback. Five

service breaks punctuated a

Victory capped a truly

Corretja, 24, who ends the

year world-ranked No 3. The

Catalan was unrecognisable

from the forlorn figure who

won his first indoor match

just 13 months ago — against

Tim Henman in Paris. The

reception that he received from a hypnotised full house

of 13,000 was as generous as

the flair he brought to this

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two sets to the good, failed to

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Corretia then rebounded to

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Corretja: four-hour final

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comeback to unseat Carlos

week, Alex Corretja

back to crown

thrilling week

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT

the pair contrived when

disputing the final of the

French Open back in June.

he found inspiration from

one of the game's greatest

pursuers of lost causes. "I

was thinking about when

Ivan Lendl came back from

two sets down against John

McEnroe in the 1984 French

Open final," he said. "I told

myself 'if my idol can do it,

All compelling matches come laced with a mixture of

brilliance, fallibility and a

large number of close calls

some of them so late as to

one crucial stage, Corretja yelled his frustration at an

offending linesman at the

same time as Moya flung his

racket over the net in sheer

moments after Corretja had

nosed ahead for the first time

after 3hr 41min. He stood on

the brink of victory when he

served for the prize at 5-4.

Yet Moya managed to avert the crisis by breaking

his compatriot to level the contest — only to flail a series

of unforced errors in the very

This time, Corretja made

no mistake when serving for

a prize that was last won by

6-3, 7-5 triumph was his fifth

title of the year, doubled his

season's earnings to \$2.6 million (about £1.6 million),

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SNOOKER

MATTHEW STEVENS, who watched his close friend Stephen Lee win the Grand Prix last month, was halfway aggressive opponents stopped lo becoming an equally unexhim from exerting greater pected winner of the £460,000 Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship in Bournemouth yesterday. Stevens, 21, established a 5-4

lead over John Higgins after a first session of fluctuating fortunes to give himself a realistic chance of preventing the Scot from emulating Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry and John Parrott by lifting the world and UK trophies in the

Yet when Higgins account-ed for the first frame 86-0 with breaks of 44 and 42, it meant that, incorporating the closing three frames of his 9-4 semifinal victory over Paul Hunter on Saturday, he had won four frames in succession without his opponent potting a ball. The total of unanswered

points during this purple patch ended up at 426 when Higgins. 55-0 up in the second frame, missed a straightfor-ward pink off its spot. Almost 30 minutes later, he potted the brown to make il 2-0. It was the fifth-iongest such run of dominance produced

in a world-ranking event and only 36 points short of the record 463 put together by Joe Perry against Tony Meo in a qualifying round of the world championship last year. Higgins admitted he had been lucky to hold Hunter to

4-4 in the opening session but, on the resumption, the world



Higgins: solid start

sale improvement as breaks of 71, 49, 101 and 89 ensured a comfortable passage into the 24th final of his career. "I've been threatening to do.

that for sometime, because i've been hitting so well in practice," said Higgins, who arrived in the final despite failing to display the level of consistency that was such a feature of his triumpb at the Crucible six months ago. When Higgins skilfully.

cleared green to pink for a 3-1 advantage and moved 4-2 ahead thanks to a 50 break after Stevens had missed an elementary red by being positionally overambitious, there

was little to suggest an upset. However, Stevens, already assured of a personal best performance simply by reaching the final, provided evidence that he was not overawed by the importance of the occasion or the lofty status of his rival by constructing a 105

break in the seventh frame. A run of 60 placed Higgins firmly in control of the eighth frame, but Stevens extracted the eight penalty points he required, including a Higgins in-off after he had made contact with a snooker on the yellow, and cleared the colours to

draw level at 44.
Shaken, Higgins missed a straightforward red with the balls well situated in the last frame of the afternoon and Stevens, who by now could count on momentum as an ally, compiled a 66 break to lead for the first time.

Stevens, the world No 26, thus was left requiring five of the remaining ten frames to become the first non-member of the elite top 16 in the world rankings and the first Welshman to capture the UK title since Doug Mountjoy pre-vailed in 1988.

☐ Tessa Davidson, who operates a mobile fish and chip shop in Banbury, won the United Kingdom women's championship for the third time by surprisingly beating Kelly Fisher, the world No I. 4-1 in the final.

Davidson arrived in the final via a fortuitous route. She defeated Karen Corr. the world No 2 4-3 in the semifinals when her opponent, in attempting a thin cut on the black in the deciding frame,

went in-off. Davidson did not expend so much nervous energy against Fisher. She had the highest break of the match, 54, and, after losing the first frame, erew in confidence.

Corretja fights Henman eyes top-five place Open champion blow for blow until Moya finally cut loose with some searing drives. Where the contest probably eluded him was in his poor serving in the opening set. It undermined his offensive instincts, forcing him to play more from the baseline. In that passage, only Moya's lack of belief when confronted by

> control. Greg Rusedski, who closed the year world-ranked No 9, performed more consistently than Henman in 1998. Rused-ski gathered earnings of £912,750, but his season was ultimately hijacked by the 10 weeks that he missed through injury. That he rebounded so triumphantly in the latter months amplified his competi-

tive instincts. Like Henman, Rusedski looks favourably placed to scale further the rankings ladder next year. The two figure highly on a shortlist of half a dozen players with realistic ambidons for Wumbledon, so 1999 could be even more memorable for British tennis.

It also is worth dwelling on the Henman-Rusedski rivalry. the depth to which was partially responsible for stifling their much-anocipated duel on Friday. It was hardly ideal for Henman to approach his semi-final with Moya on the back of that shambolic performance against Rusedski Should both Britons main-

tain their present status, further clashes between the pair are assured. It would be fruitful if efforts were made by both sides to diffuse the palpable tension that governs their on-court collisions. Such clashes are good for the British public, but counter-productive for the players themselves.

As much was tacitly recognised when the two men outlined their ambitions for 1999. "I am not worried about my ranking in relation to Tim's anymore," Rusedski said. "I'm looking more towards getting where I've never been before. I've been world No 4; I'd now like to get to three, two or No 1. That's my objective — and to try and win a grand slam."

On a broader note, the high world standing of both players has triggered speculation that these end-of-season championships, which will rotate blennially around the world from the year 2000, may be staged at the Millennium Dome in London in 2002.

significant force on surfaces got to get to the next level. I'm other than his favoured clay. looking to get to the finals of Indeed, Spanish Jennis can grand slams and winning be proud of two ambassadors ho have rebuffed perennial Should Henman actually jibes that its players are reap his anticipated early ineffective away from the harvest next year, it will demterre battue. A measure of onstrate that he has absorbed the importance of Corretja's another important lesson in his development. An increasvictory arrived soon after the

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE legacy of Tim Henman's semi-final defeat by Carlos

Moya in the ATP Tour world

championship was a painful one for the British player. It is

never easy to embrace pro-

found disappointment when

mentally and physically exhausted, as Henman was

after Moya mastered him 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in a duel of mounting

intensity. Through the log of

despair, however, Henman

reflected on a year of achieve-

ment, of advancement, of fur-

ther progress towards the

ever-narrowing summit of the

tennis pyramid. He then

spoke of the opportunity to break into the world's top five.

is a good year," he said. "Yet when you look at it in a bit more detail, you realise that I have played good tennis for six

months. So if I can make No 7

in half a year, there is a lot to improve on if I play a full

Henman's comments allud-

ed to the rolling 12-month peri-

od over which a player's world ranking is compiled. His

sights were firmly set on open-ing 1999 with a flourish — as

opposed to the winter slump

that this year, threatened to

Indeed, the only significant

ranking points Henman must

defend before Wimbledon are

the ones he amassed in

Sydney in January and Key Biscayne in March. Of his

2.620 ranking points, less than

500 were accrued before

Wimbledon. Some rich early

pickings in 1999 are there for

"So much has happened in the last six months," Henman

said, "I feel like I have really established myself in the top ten, but the feeling inside me is that it is not good enough. I've

arrest him in his tracks.

To finish No 7 (in the world)

match, when the player's ingly evident theme within his press conference was record is that he can be unconinterrupted by a vincing when given a free rein. congratulatory call on his mobile telephone from the Henman performed best this year when obliged to defend his largest points hauls of 1997. He reached the final in president of the Spanish government, José Maria Sydney, where he triumphed

Further gloss to his season was added through his title vic-

in 1997. He then repeated his

1997 triumph in Tashkent, and

he bettered his 1997 quarter-

final showing at Wimbledon

by travelling one round fur-

ther this time. Those achieve-

ments underline just how well

Henman copes with pressure.

tory in Basle and his full debut in these ATP Tour finals. Yet £905,500 in 1998, must contrive somehow in his mind the hunger to perform when the pressure is off. Most would relish the chance to swing freely. but Henman evidently is not among them. It is in this facet,

Henman lost to Moyà in Hanover, but again showed his ability to play well under pressure

as much as improvements to his technique, that Henman retains scope to improve. That he lost narrowly to Moya on Saturday - and thus set up a final against Alex Corretja, whom he beat at the round-robin stage — was not down to any mental frailties.

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SQUASH

Hargrave tests champion

FROM COLIN McQUILLAN

ENGLISH players continued to make an impact at the World Open Squash Championship in Doha, Qatar, yesterday and at one time, through the exploits of Paul Hargrave. they looked likely to collect the scalp of the defending champion, Rodney Eyles, of

Hargrave, a tall 23-year-old coaching professional from Duffield in Derbyshire, took Eyles, a 31-year-old Bermudapased Queenslander, to 14-13 in their second game and won the third 17-14 before losing

the S4-minute encounter 15-7, 15-14, 14-17, 15-10. Eyles relinquished a lead of 11-8 in the second game as Hargrave increased pressure on him and forced a series of errors, and escaped rather for-tunately on Hargrave's call for a single-point tie-break. In the third game the defending champion led 14-9, cautiously chose a three-point tie-break and promptly lost the next three rallies.

Hargrave was a leading junior player who turned to club coaching after a persistent back injury made life on the PSA World Thur less than fully rewarding. With backing from the new lotteryfunded World Performance Programme, however, he has returned to the international circuit this year and, with just an ounce of extra self-belief yesterday, might have pulled off a famous win.

Chris Tomlinson, 22. from Kenl, went one better than Hargrave by converting his qualification into first-round victory with a 17-16, 15-8, 15-13 win over Stewart Boswell, of Australia, 10 reach u secondround encounter against Del Harris.

Harris, from Colchester, the No 13 seed, who started his World Open career by losing to Mir Zaman Gul, of Pakistan, back in 1987, advanced vesterday by deleating the same player 15-5, 15-11, 15-7 in

SPORT IN BRIEF

Suspended Sanders enjoys his Liberty

BowLs: Griff Sanders, whose ten-year ban by the Devon outdoor association is subject to an appeal to the English Bowling Association, played for the county indoor side in the second round of the Liberty Trophy on Saturday |David Rhys Jones writes). Sanders, who is alleged to have brought the game into disrepute, skipped his rink to a vital 24-17 win over Worcestershire quartet, skipped by Adrian Burbridge, lan Bond and Danny Denison added wins of 12 and 11 shots respectively, and the combined 30-shots advantage more than covered defeats sustained by the remaining three rinks to give

Belgian clean sweep

ECYCLING: The sun shone on the Eastway racing circuit in London yesterday, but the 32km cyclo-cross event was one of gioom for Britain's top riders, who were given a lesson in speed by six Belgians — four of whom took the top placings (Peter Bryan writes). Peter Willemsens won the international race on the same circuit two years ago and yesterday beat his brother, David, by 14sec. Barrie Clarke, of Britain, finished fifth, 68sec behind the winner.

South Africa hit back

■ NETBALL: Rusky Mthethwa, the goal-shooter, inspired South Africa to a 48-32 victory against England 2000 at Crystal Palace to level the three-match under-2l series England missed Karen Greig, the goal-shooter, who played a key role in England's triumph in the first match hut missed Saturday's match with suspected appendicitis. She is expected to be operated on today. The third match takes place tomorrow.

Arsenal cruise through

■ FOOTBALL: Arsenal, the AXA FA Women's Premier League Cup holders, eased their way through to the third round where they will now meet Croydon after they trounced Wolverhampton Wanderers 9-0 yesterday. Marieanne Spacey stole the show, scoring four goals, with two goals frum their England striker. Rachel Yankey, and one each from Ciara Grant. Kelly Few and Faye White.

Olsson crashes out

M BOBSLEIGHING: Sean Olsson, Britain's Olympic bobsleigh hronze medal-winner, crashed out of the second World Cup four-man race on the new 2002 Olympic track in Salt Lake City yesterday, Olsson, 31, and his crew of Dean Ward, Andy Lewis and Eric Schwalor, pushed the second-fastest start of 4.81 seconds on the upening run, but they overturned after Olsson lost control on the bottom half of the track.

Watts eclipses Woods

■ GOLF: Tiger Woods finished a lowly fifteenth in his debut event on the Japan tnur at the Casin Open golf tournament at Ibusuki yesterday. Woods recorded a fnur-round total of four-under-par 294. The fule was won by Brian Watts, of the United States, who sank a one-yard birdie putt on the second sudden-death play-off hole to beat Tushimitsu Izawa. of

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THE sub-plots to # ing match, which I edly shifted in bala low-scoring encountries have been every but able as the occasion indies' first Test on can soil. It was t Shaun Pollock to si day as West Indie missed for 170, le nome side a target o

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game, even on a pitch with the challenging characteristics of this one. England, the instincts of their feet confused by excessive pace and decisive movement, were dismissed for 117 - precisely their first-inands total at Trent Bridge 77 years ago, when Australia needed only one further day to complete a ten-wicket win. Yesterday, against every expectation of a derisive nation, England refused to lie

Australia won tossi: England,

with five second-innings wickets in hand, are two runs

exciting young fast bowler was

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well, yet for most of a sun-

Few Tests are won by a side

that has been bowled out in

the first three hours of the

first time since 1921.

behind Australia

down. Indeed, they thwarted Australia not once but twice, first with an outstanding display of fast bowling in which Alex Tudor decorated his daringly awarded debut with four wickets, then with batting of spectacular defiance from

Since his impossibly heralded and inevitably anoctimactic start to Test cricket seven wars ago, we have heard too making of Hick. His unbeaten 42 yesterday does not begin to fulfil the description but, for a man recruited for one emergency and then thrust summarily into another, it was made with such style and speed that, however briefly, we were seeking the Hick that everyone English hoped he would become.

Hick's runs came from 33 balls and contained two pulls for six during an over from Jason Gillespie costing 23 runs. Gillespie finished the day with nought for 69 from nine overs and, for a moment, it was all too easy for deception to take over and for the fact that Australia still had the match at their mercy to be overlooked.

The perversity of the day knows no end. In the morning s'arion, for example, Australia faced 30 overs and scored only 44 runs for the solitary loss of their nightwatchman; it was introspective batting, confined

PERTH trecond day of fire; by howling of the highest quality. Then, in a curious and counterproductive change of approach, the last six Australia wickets tumbled for 31 runs in 39 balls, mostly to strokes

buys time for England

burn of frustration. This was a collapse of classic English proportions, but better by far to credit the tenacity of the bowling than condemn the indiscipline of the batting. Before lunch, Dar-ren Gough and Alan Mullally had given the best demonstration of hostile swing and seam howling seen from England in recent memory: through poor catching and general misfortune, their figures bore no trace of their mastery. After

lunch. Tudor cashed in. Australia, resuming 38 runs ahead and with the pitch theoretically drier, quicker and easier to bat on, had found Gough almost impossible to score from. He bowled for an hour, seven overs conceding just one run, and when Mullally joined him in the attack and began to shape a series of late inswingers at lively pace. Mark Waugh must have



Tudor's pace brought four wickets on his Test debut

wondered if he would ever

score again. After three maidens, Mullally broke through in his fourth over, defeating Gillespie as much with angle as swing, and he almost bowled Steve Waugh first ball, the bat coming down desperately late. Ten overs later, he was close to his wicket again, an edged slash giving an overhead chance to third slip, which Butcher failed to get a hand on.

This latest example of Eng-lish philanthropy — they had already put down two chances on Saturday evening - provoked the most confrontational period of the day. Mullally exchanged words with Steve Waugh, then Gough with his brother. As Gough pointedly walked backwards to his bowling mark, glaring in a manner unusual for such a sunny cricketer. Venkataraghavan, the umpire, moved in to speak

warningly to Mark Waugh. The new ball was available one over into the afternoon and Alec Stewart took it immediately. It was apparently a sig-

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN PERTH nal for Australia to change gear from first to fourth, with calamitous consequences. Not, however, before the rising anger of Gough was further fuelled when Mullally dropped Steve Waugh at extra cover, the third catch put down off him here to add to two in Brishane.

Tudor, evidently unflustered by the occasion, ran in with aggression but directed his energy wisely. He was distinctly fast but seldom wayward and his England career took off in notable fashion as he dismissed the Waugh twins in consecutive overs, bowling Steve between but and pad and having the toiling Mark caught at third slip.

Healy was playing shots almost before he had taken guard but Gough had him palpubly leg-before as he moved across his stumps, then dismissed Damien Fleming first ball, a drive edged to second

Gough may still have been drinking in the crowd's adulaoon when he dropped Ponting at long leg, but it scarcely mattered as the rampant Tudor mopped up the two remaining wickets to complete a spell of four for 24.

The danger, of course, was that this might simply accelerate the end of the game and when England, facing a deficit of 128, lost their first three wickets for 15, it was ome to explore the history of two-day Test finishes. There has been only one since the Second World War and 15 in all, of which the past five have all been victories for Australia. They were closing fast on a sixth when Fleming. the least considered of the three pace bowlers, added three more wickets to his firstinnings five.

Butcher and Hussain were both undone by late movement, but Siewart played a loose shot outside off stump as he fell for his fourth nought of the tour. Amid the chaos, Michael Atherton was batting at his best, quick-witted in defence but ready to punish anything off line. He had made 35 out of 40 when Fleming added him to his collection, leaving England 27 overs short of the minor triumph of adjournment

Ramprakash, whose survival of a caught-behind appeal had brought a petulant response from Healy, words from McGrath and another quiet intervention by Venkataraghavan, continued to bat with good sense. He lost Crawley to a bat-pad catch when Miller turned to his off-spin alternative, but Hick now emerged, on a pair and with his revived Test career once more in the balance. His batong was a joy, a release from personal and public tension. but in the context of march and series it may only have brought deferment.



Embarrassment of defeat in two days averted by batsman's aggression after Tudor offers hope

Hick pulls a ball from Gillespie to the boundary during his imposing innings yesterday

SCOREBOARD FROM PERTH

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BOWLING: McGrath 18-4-37-3 (w 1, 4 fours; 11-4-28-3, 50-11-0); Fleming 14-3-46-6 (nb 1, 3 fours; 7-1-28-1; 7-2-20-4), GBBogle 7-9-29-2 (nb 1, w 1; 1 four 5-0-18-2, 2-0-5-0); Miller 2-0-4-0 (one page)

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SCORING NOTES: Second day: Teat 19-3 (13 overs, 55mirt Athenon 16, Ram-prakach 0).

Umpires: D. J. Harper and S. Venkataragha-van (India). Third umpire: T. A. Prue Mater referee: J. R. Reid (New Zealand). SERIES DETAILS: First (Brisbane) Match drawn, Tests to come: Third (Adstacle): December 11-15 Fourth (Mebourne): December 25-30 Fifth (Sydney), January 2-5 ☐ Completed by B4 Francials

Perilous pitch tilts balance to the bowlers

John Woodcock says that excessive bounce and movement have put runs at a premium for both teams

he second Test match between England and Australia is being fought out on a trampoline, which is why it was very nearly over in two days. The balance has been altogether too much in favour of the fast bowlers, though there were those who liked to think last night that a blistering little knock by Graeme Hick (hurrah!) had put the behaviour of the pitch in its true perspective.

Hick's was, in fact, an innings conceived out of desperation. All day he had watched the batsmen of both sides being constantly beaten by balls that flew extravagantly or moved laterally off the pitch. Out to his second ball on Saturday morning, responsible for putting down the least difficult of the several catches that England missed, and with his own Test future hanging by a thread, Hick decided that the only way was to "give it a go". The result was magnificent, but it is still too excitable a pitch for a five-day Test match. Hardly an over has been bowled by either side without there being either

three stips and two gullies or four slips and one gully in attendance, poised for the The Perth

next catch. Despite such at-tacking fields the day's run tally would have been one of the lowest for many Test matches had it not been for the intervention of Hick. Except for Stewart in the first innings, Ramprakash in

both innings and Hick yesterday. England's batsmen have been like innocents abroad.

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But it has been very difficult. The most valuable stroke, if it can be termed a stroke, has been the "leave," made to balls that would hit the stumps in more conventional conditions, and not many have it in their lockers. Mark Taylor, however, is its master, hence his success on Saturday. Straight balls by which others were being beaten, he was leaving alone, safe in the knowledge that they would climb over the stumps. That is the Perth technique and it is not acquired over-

It is no coincidence that although they have won the Sheffield Shield 13 times since the last war - more than any other state apart from New South Wales - Western Australia have never produced a great batsman. The three best have probably been John Inverarity, Ross Edwards and Kim Hughes. The method needed to handle "the Whacker's" chief characteristics makes batsmen refuctant to

Stewart's side, against bowling as good as that from McGrath, Gillespie and Fleming, the examination has been a very severe one. For Taylor's team, runs were also at a pre-

Flat-footed and in his outsize boots. Fleming looks more like an old-time English county trundler than an Australian opening bowler. He puts one very much in mind of the late Dave Halfvard, who bowled with enthusiasm and success for so many counties. first and second-class, without looking as though he had been born to it. He, too, would have taken wickets here in Perth. having been, like Fleming, strong in the shoulder and clever with the ball.

There could be no better place for a fast bowler to start his Test career, and Tudor has vindicated the tour selectors who preferred him to Fraser and Headley. Stewart has stood farther back for Tudor than Healy has for McGrath and Gillespie, and needed to. As a new member of a fourpronged West Indies pace attack in the 1980s, with the con-

would have flowed from that, he could hailed as their next technique dark destroyer. Whether as a is not one

raw but talented Englishman, with spindly legs and knock-knees, he can develop into a real force, only time will tell. Yesterday he certainly gained the respect

of the Australians, his four quick wickets with a new ball immediately after lunch giving his figures a well-deserved facelift. Frank Tyson was at the Test match in Brisbane and it seems a pity for me that he was not called in to talk Tudor through his own amazing advance from unbroken colt to Ashes winner here in

It was in Perth that Tyson made the first reduction of his run-up, which he cut eventualfrom 27 paces to 18 without losing any speed. Tudor already has a nice gathering approach, a smooth action and an easy follow-through. His run-up, though plenty long enough, seems to suit him well. In the prevailing conditions, with his considerable height, Caddick would have been useful; but Gough, Mulially and Cork worked away, the first two with particularly little luck. They could all take some of the credit for subjecting the Waughs to as unconvincing an hour's batting together vesterday morning as they can have had for a long while.

Unhappy returns for Warne

SHANE WARNE'S return to Sheffield Shield cricket ended in defeat and an unspectacular bowling analysis yesterday. Warne, captaining Victoria. set South Australia a challeng-ing target of 324 off a minimum of 84 overs, but saw t 🦙 win with eight balls and seven wickets to spare. Warne took two wickets for

97 in South Australia's second innings and finished the match with figures of four for 185 off 37.4 overs. Greg Blewett led the South Australia attack. scoring 158, with Darren Lehmann, who was parricularly severe on Warne, making 78 not out. Victoria retained the leadership of the Sheffield Shield table, however. Stuart MacGill, the leg spin-

ner who was left out of the Australia team for the second Test. strengthened his claim for an immediate recall by taking four for 17 as New South Wales gained their first win of the season, against Western Australia in Sydney. Western Australia were bowled out for 58 in their second innings.

n Hobart, the match between Tasmania and Queensland was abandoned when rain forced an end to inlay after lunch on the final ay. Stuart Law, the Essex esman and Queensland Stain, reached 103, his sixth sury against Tasmania.

Pollock inspires South Africa FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN JOHANNESBURG THE WANDERERS (fourth

day of five): South Africa, with oll second-innings wickets in hand, need 164 runs to beat West Indies

THE sub-plots to this intriguing match, which has repeatedly shifted in balance as only low-scoring encounters can, have been every bit as remarkable as the occasion of West Indies' first Test on South African soil. It was the turn of Shaun Pollock to shine yesterday as West Indies were dismissed for 170, leaving the home side a target of 164 runs for victory.

By taking four wickets yesterday. Pollock ensured that he completed both parts of the Test double of 100 wickets and 1,000 runs in his 26th Test, the fourth fastest in the history of the game behind Ian Botham.

417 Pollock: career-best figures

Vinco Mankad and Kapil

It was the final wicket of West Indies' second innings that brought Pollock, who needed five runs and nine wickets before this match to reach the mark, his 100th dismissal. Walsh, trapped leg-berecord to 30 ducks. Pollock's match analysis of nine for 103 was also a career-best. Pollock's achievement may

have been the emotional highlight of the day - and it was his second wicket in two balls. and third in four balls with Pat Symcox's dismissal of Nixon McLean from the last delivery of the previous over - but the real damage was done with South Africa taking five wickets before lunch.

West Indies had resumed on 20 without loss, a lead of 13 runs. Within 23 overs, however, they were reeling at 53 for four and, on the stroke of lunch, Clayton Lambert, who had been cautious in compiling 33 in 115 balls, was caught by Mark Boucher off Symcox.

It was Pollock who had begun the West Indies slide with the wicket of Philo Wallace to his fifth ball of the morning, bowled looking to turn the ball to leg. But it was Allan Donald who made the all-important breakthrough, beating Brian Lara for pace, trapped leg-before.

Pollock compounded the tourist's plight by dismissing Shivnarine Chanderpaul, also leg-before, and Stuart Williams no more than glided a

SCOREBOARD FROM THE WANDERERS

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ball from David Terbrugge to Jacques Kallis at second slip. Ridley Jacobs, promoted in the order ahead of Carl Hooper who, having not fielded for all of South Africa's innings was unable to appear before No 7, then set about restoring some sort of parity with a fine innings of 42. One outrageous hook which carried over deep backward square leg for six off Donald, will stick with Jacobs for some time.

Hooper, who batted with a runner despite claiming his damaged groin had recovered fully, scored 34 in a partnership of 68 in 19 overs with Jacobs before he too was trapped leg-before to Kallis. In the next over, and with the tea interval beckoning, Jacobs lost patience with Symcox, who had been taunting him with incessant chatter, holing out to Terbrugge at mid-on.
Pollock and Symcox were

not long in polishing off the tail after the break, only minutes before another thunderstorm descended on the Wanderers, washing out the remaining 28 overs of play.

The South African target is an eminently gettable one, even on this unpredictable pitch. They will need no reminding, however, that six years ago in Barbados they required 201 runs, and only 78 with eight wickets still standing oo the final day, to defeat West Indies in their first Test match after readmission, only to lose by 52 runs.

Zimbabwe close in on first Test win on foreign soil BY OUR SPORTS STAFF ing bowler, doing the initial

PESHAWAR (third day of five): Zimbabwe, with nine second-innings wickets in hand. need 92 runs to beat Pakistan

ZIMBABWE were cruising towards their first Test win on foreign soil yestenday, after dismissing Pakistan for just 103 in their second innings. When bad light stopped

play on the third day, the touring team were comfortably placed on 70-1, chasing a target of 162 for victory with Murray Goodwin not out on 34 and Grant Flower on 24.

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The Pakistan side had earlier been undone by some spirited and accurate bowling by Henry Olonga and only three batsmen made it into double

figures as the innings ended after just 36.5 overs. "It's a fantastic feeling and I hone that now the batsmen do not spoil the good work done by the bowlers." Alistair Campbell, the Zimbabwe cap-

tain, said. Pakistan lost half of the side for 34 with Olonga, the open-

SCOREBOARD FROM PESHAWAR

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damage. ripping through the top order with three wickets in ten balls to leave Pakistan reeling on 15 for four. Wasim Akrani and Saeed Anwar offered brief resistance in a seventh-wicket partner-

ship of 57 that looked to have nerves but Wasim was caught at cover, driving at a slower ball and when Saced followed soon after, any hopes of a fightback were ended. They lost their last three wickets for five runs in 22 balls, Olonga finishing with four for 42.
"Pathetic, to say the least,"

Aamir Sohail, the Pakistan captain, said. "I am sure Pakistan have never batted that

The day had begun with Pakistan mopping up the Zimbabwe first innings for 238. with Wasim Akram taking five for 52. Johnson failed to add to his overnight score of 107 and became Wasim's 350th wicket in Test cricket. Pakistan's second-innings

total beat the previous lowest score of 143 against Zimbabwe, set in Lahore in 1993-94. The Africans have won just two Test matches out of 32 in their brief stint in the top flight, and have lost ten of their 14 Tests away from home. A victory here would be against the odds as Pakistan had started the series as firm

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FA Carling Premiership: £8 million forward has much to prove at Newcastle United

Ferguson must build on fleeting success

ST JAMES' Park was a reservoir of gratitude. Thanksgiving gushed out of the hearts of Newcastle United supporters who had just seen their side win for the first time in six matches in the FA Carling Premiership. The praise wa of Duncan Ferguson, the scorer of two goals on his

transfer from Everton. in reality, the newcomer's sense of indebtedness ought to be greater than that of any spectator. Ferguson, 27 next month, is still to begin a career worthy of the talents he displayed as a youngster. The reputation as a devastating forward is untethered to the facts. floating high above the average, finding the net once

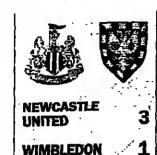
debut, following the £8 million

in every three games.

There is a possibility that, with Newcastle. Ferguson can at last become dependable, even if faults remain to be mended. Although the Scot works hard in his grappling with delenders, that industry does not extend to making the sort of runs expected of a modern attacker. Despite that economy of effort, he can still be seen gasping for breath during the last half-hour of a

in stoppage time, Ferguson did complete the victory by heading a corner from Keith Gillespie under Neil Sullivan's careworn attempt at a save, but Ruud Gullit agreed that weariness had settled upon his signing. The Newcastle manager attributed it to lack of match practice, because of a suspension, and the debilitating effects of travel last week. All the same, Ferguson's stamina was also questioned when he was entirely settled on Merseyside.

A 3-1 win is scarcely an occasion for castigation, but the Scot. like Newcastle, has much to prove. In the setting of St James' Park, long-lost aspects of his style could be recovered. As a teenager with Dundee United, he was deft enough to be used wide on the



left. Coaching is supposed to smooth out an individual's game, but in the early days at Everton is seemed that rough edges were added to Ferguson. Abrasiveness is of limited

by Kevin McCarra

use and his best moments on Saturday came when Newcastle trusted his technique more than his muscle, inviting him to hold the ball and then distribute it. His ability to do that encouraged the side to dash lowards the Wimbledon penalty area. liberated from the fear that they would be left stranded as possession broke down. Nolberto Solano, the Peru winger, rejoiced. He was the most impressive figure of all.

Speed: majestic in midfield

despite his mistake

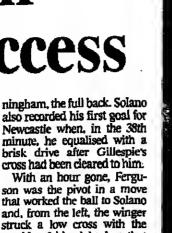
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as likely to initiate a move with a sweeping pass as he was to display close control while besetting Kenny Cun-

while preventing a Wimbledon goal and Newcastle were without Rob Lee and Alan Shearer, who both failed fitness tests. St James' Park was a chuster of wounds, but Gullit looked like a man who believes that the healing of his team has begun.

NewCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): S Owen (aub. S Hurper, 46min) — L Chanet, A Hughes, S Howey, W Berton — K Gillesper, O Harream, G Speed, S Glass Gutz N Solang, 27] — A Andersson, O Ferguson. Winder EDON (4-4-2). N Sulfivan — K Curt-ningham, O Blackwell, C Penry, B Thatcher — G Arnsworth (sub. A Ploberts, 78), R Ear-



son was the pivot in a move that worked the ball to Solano and, from the left, the winger struck a low cross with the outside of his right foot that Ferguson converted with a shot that bounced off the turf and rose high into the net. Contentment for Newcastle over the outcome merged with bemusement over the means by which it took shape. The exclusion of David

Batty was forced upon Gullit by the player's desire to leave Leeds United, but the midfield was more direct and dynamic without him. Some majestic playmaking from Gary Speed, in particular. summoned up memories of his precocity at the beginning of this decade. It was easy to forgive him the mistake that allowed Wimbledon an opening goal in the 34th minute. Attempting to turn a

clearance towards Steve Howey, making his first appearance of the season after injury, he inadvertently picked out Marcus Gayle, who was composed with his finish. Speed's recovery from the mishap was assisted by another random event, with Solano introduced as substitute only after Stephen Glass was injured. Shay Given, the goalkeeper, had his shoulder damaged

Aston Villa, as leaders and

championship contenders, might consider one point

Few people want to see For-

est go down again, one year

after returning to the Premier-ship, but, with only two wins

from their first 15 matches,

they are not helping themselves. They played very well for 45 minutes on Saturday.

After that their performance

was fragmented. There were

some good things, and one or

two other things that need to

be rectified, and soon, if they

are to start winning games

Bart-Williams was particu-larly effective in that first peri-

od, passing the ball nicely

with either foot, and scoring a

fine goal that Freedman was to bener. With Gemmill forag-

like this,

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Ferguson rises to head his second goal of the match and put the seal on a satisfying debut for Newcastle United. Photograph: John Giles

Joachim draws little IN a strange sort of way, both teams will be pleased to have taken something from this game and, at the same time, they may feel upset that they comfort for Villa did not take more. Nottingham Forest, who thoroughly deserved the two goals they scored before balf-time, paid dearly for their later timidity:

ing beside him, and Quashin not shy to show his hand, the Forest midfield was more threalening than that of Villa, an opinion shared by John Gregory, the manager, who altered his side at the interval by sending on Thompsoo for

After that it was more even. Joachim filched a couple of scrappy goals, though he will claim he was at least there to filch them, and they would have won if Dublin, reaching the far post unmarked when Thompson sent Wright to the byline, had not kicked improbably wide when he was within breathing distance of the goal. Though he was due to miss a chance like that sooner or lat-

er, he might have wished it was not so palpable a howler. Dublin had a quiet after-noon, shaded by Van Hooijdonk, the big Dutchman, who has returned to the City Ground after an autumn of grumbles, but who has yet to make his peace with the club. and may never. He was also guilty of two first-half misses. the second of which, when NOTTINGHAM **FOREST ASTON VILLA** by Michael Henderson

Stone invited him to blow it over the line, was just as embarrassing as that of Dublin

It was Van Hooijdenk's ini-

tial link with Stone, by the right touchline, that led to the opening goal for Forest after 32 minutes. The move was developed by Freedman, who sent in Bart-Williams to beat Oakes with a skimmer from 15 yards. What a clever goal it was, representing Forest in the way their admirers like to

imagine them. Villa's central defenders were outwitted again a minute before the break when

Freedman turned and, from 20 yards, shot into the top corner. It was a splendid strike: clean, quick and decisive, and brought the half to a rousing close. If we can keep that up, Forest supporters were saying, we can expose these Villans as mere pretenders.
They came close to doing

just that. Although Joachim retrieved a goal after 59 minutes when Beasant had diverted Watson's shot into his path. Forest earned the chance they needed to restore their two-goal advantage within five minutes. Crucially, Freedman delayed his shot as Oakes presented himself and when he eventually swung his boot the ball flew across the

face of the goal.

At once Villa reminded Freedman how cruel this game can be. After a defensive blunder by Armstrong, whose header sold Beasant short, Joachim poached another goal. Forest continued to press, winning free kicks outside the penalty area from which Van Hooijdonk twice

tested Oakes. On two other

occasions they felt hard done by to be denied penalties, and the crowd certainly felt disap-pointed. Football fans, as we know, make imperfect judges. There was no great swindle. Forest were not quite up to it.

If they maintain this level of ... performance, though, they should keep their heads above water, so long as they remember to keep the back door boiled. It would help no end Dave Bassett had more money to spend, but he is. used to working within a budget other managers would appallingly restrictive. and there was not a lot wrong.

with his players' spirit. Villa needed to win, to put. that uncomfortable reverse against Liverpool behind them. They do not look a champion team, not yet, though the improvement that. Gregory bas wrought in less than a year is impressive. Joachim will keep bis place in attack for at least another: week as Collymore, missing here with flu, is suspended for the next game, against Ma chester United.

NOTTINGHAM POREST (3-5-2) O Beas-ant — J O Hjeldo, S Chertle, C Amstrong — S Stone, S Germati (sub. A Johnson, 76mm), C Bart, Williams, N Quashie, T Bon-J-C Darchaytle, 851

ASTON VILLA (3-4-1-2); M Clakes — U Drugul, G Southgate, G Burry — S Watson, L Hyndrie, I Taylor, A Winghi — P Merson Isub A Thompson, 46) — O Dublin J Joachum Referee: G Wiltard

Cities levelled by Jones keeps his striking need eyes on Europe IN ACCORDANCE with the

BYTHE touchline, the manag-ers burnt enough energy to have powered the floodlights. They kicked every ball, fought every tackle and cursed every decision against them. Neither Martin O'Neill nor Gordon Strachan provides an image of patience on match days, but it is a virtue that they are having to learn during the week in their search for a new striker.

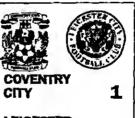
This game on Saturday was as good or as bad as you wanted it to be. Chances mounted at both ends as midfield players bounded forward with abandon. Even Gary McAllister resembled a young Roy Keane and when Strachan, the Coventry City manager, com-League epic between Manchester United and Barcelona three days earlier, you knew what he meant.

There was a difference, though. Had Dwight Yorke and Rivaldo been in the respeclive ranks, the scoreline would have been closer to 6-6. "If you are unlucky too many times in front of goal, the quality cannot be there," Struchan said.

Ray Clarke, the club's European scout, will continue to scour the Continent until a replacement for Dion Dublin springs forth. He ought not to hold his breath. Meanwhile. Leicester City will continue to chip away at Barnsky to release Ashky Ward.

The loss of Whelan to injury merely heightened the problem for Strachan. Sollvedt, the replacement, betrayed his favoured location by continually dropping into midfield and Elliott, with one conspicuous. late exception, dealt with the final ball largely unchallenged. While Leicester showed greater invention in the middle third, the alert positioning of Williams in the Coventry defence denied them.

"I could not believe how open it became in the first half," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said. Huckerby came closest during a



LEICESTER by Richard Hobson

frenetic period with a curling

shot that beat Keller, only to

rebound off an upright. The

second 45 minutes, improba-

hly, provided even greater untertainment. This was due disproportium ately to the dismissal of Frank Sinclair three minutes after the restart to a second vellow card. Both cautions, for putiing back Huckerby and for a challenge on Froggan that was at worst mistimed. seemed harsh, without being

monstrously unjust Recovery tackles by the excellent Impey, on his debut for Leicester, and Walsh denied Shaw and Huckerby before an instinctive, diving header by McAllister trickled wide, Coventry finally went ahead in the 79th minute. Elliott, surprised when Edworthy managed to cross from a tight situation on the left, stood between the twi strikers as Solvedt helped the ball into the path of Huckerby,

who nudged it beyond Keller. O'Neill responded by pushing Elliott forward, where his very presence had a destabilising effect. Coventry might have been looking for the fearsome defender when Lennon crossed a minute from the end. Hedman dithered and Izzet headed aeniss goal for Heskey to equalise.

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way of the FA Carling Premiership, David Jones, the Southampton manager, is trawling foreign lands to bulster his squad. The Dell may not have the same allure as Stamford Bridge, Antield or Old Trafford but, already this season, a Belgian, two Belgrussians, a Chinese, a handful of Frenchmen and a Moroccan have pupped over to Hampshire on

Only Hassan Kachloul, a

Morocco international midfield player, has stayed, but the enthusiasm of Jones remains undimmed. He has appointed ferry Cooper as the sloh's first European scout and expects the policy to reap rewards. "Ferry's appointnieni shows how we're tooking to expand and improve." Jones "With the way transfer fees have gune, clubs are looking abroad all the time. There's a lot of talent out there and it makes economic sense in pay foreign players' fares and accommodation and

check them out over here." Jones is keen to hypass the role of the broker, a shady figare who touts his players lar and wide, even if he does not have the authority to du so, and always expects substantial remineration for his dubious services, "What we've got to do is cut out the middlemen," Jones said. "We've got to stop all these 'finder's' fees we're having to pay."

Kachloul, 25, formerly of St. Etienne and Metz, has earned a three-month contract and made his debut against Derby County in a side shorn of 12 players because of injury and suspension. Arsene Wenger or Alex ferguson might have sent him back to the kasbah in double-quick time, but his honesi endeavnors will do for Southampton, "He's a good lad." Jones said. "He keeps going, doesn't get disheartened and I can't fault him."

Much the same could be

said of his team-mates, a spirit-

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ed yet limited collection of might-do-wells, can-do-hetters and never-will-do-anythings. A pugnacious second-half performance should have gained them at least a draw, but they spurned a series of chances and were hardly assisted by an undistinguished display from Sieve Lodge, the referee. He allowed Carbonari tu

by Russett Kempson

score with a low shot in the 33rd minute, despite suspi-cions of handhall against War-chope in the build-up, alra turned down two apparently justified penalty appeals. Laursen bundled over Beattie and then Hughes hut escaped punishment, which enraged the normally unflappable

"It was one of the worst refereeing displays ('ve seen for a lung time," Jones said, "I'm not blaming the defeal on his decisions — we sull had enough of the ball to do something - but when you don't get the decisions you're entitled to, it doesn't help."

Derby, with a largely continental line-up, rode their luck, nioved into the top ten of the Premiership and resurrected hopes of a Ucia Cup place next season. Southampton will visit Europe, too, but for shopping purposes only.

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Parkes fails to remove Blackburn's sense of loss

A CARETAKER leads an uneasy-life. He is asked to safeguard premises, but knows in his beam that he lacks the means to prevent a break-in. Perhaps Tony Parkes, who is in temporary charge of Blackburn Rovers for the fourth time, was filled with that foreboding yesterday. The points were duly removed as his side was breached at Antietd.

Failure for Liverpool was inconceivable. A fourth consecutive de-feat at home would surely have unhinged the Shankly Gates. All the same, Gerard Houllier's team, to begin with at least, did not dismiss that possibility so much as nudge it aside. Too much has happened, and gone urong, for Liverpool tu show a withering arrogance. 'This result does not mean we are healed," the manager said.

"Come on, build yourselves up." a perceptive supporter murmored when the second half was well-advanced and victory had become certain. Blackburn, who could never be completely disregarded, served the same purpose as a set of weights in a gym. Liverpool had the

strength to handle them, but it was healthily taxing to do so. As they lousened up, the Anfield side began to turn a test into an exhibition.

Although victory over the bottom club in the FA Carling Premiership will not inspire anyone to deck the streets with bunting, there were reminders of the patches of quality that do exist in a team of uneven standards. The perfectly balanced Jamie Red-

knapp unfurled crossfield passes that made Blackburn wheel round in alarm, the authority of Paul Ince, scorer of the first goal, was a matter of substance rather than appearance, Robbie Firwler, recovered from injury, continues to burrow his way back to the heart of the action and, with a happy predictabiliry, Michael Owen collected a goal.

As followers of the club know, the total of those advantages does not add up to success. For the moment, Houllier is confined to modest rearrangement and the return to a 3-5-2 formation possesses practical benefits. The employment of wing backs suits Vegard Heggem, who is im-pressive when galloping downfield

his own penalty

"I would prefer a back four." Houllier said, "but because of our defensive problems, we had to come up with a response in terms of a coach's initiative. It paid off when we

won at Aston Villa

and perhaps some of the players are more comfortable with this system." Too few, however, look as if de-fence is their natural habitat. It continues to be a problem that will only be solved in the transfer market. So all-consuming has the issue become that Houllier was more pleased by the second half, in which no goals were scored, because the sense of se-

curity strengthened then. This was the first clean sheet that the side had kept in ten matches. but link had changed in practice. Blackburn found chances and Liverpool took no credit for the fact that

all the signs of a dub in deep trouble. Calamity is not always a matter of dire performances.

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teams who play rea-sonably and yet nev-er gain any reward. Blackburn are in

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LIVERPOOL BLACKBURN ROVERS by Kevin McCarra

> sences caused by injury and suspension, they began with unexpected confidence and spent the first 20 minutes in vigorous examinadon of the opposition. Steve Staunton even had to pull Kevin Gallacher back to prevent the forward from breaking

> He was booked and although some thought that a red card could have been shown. Parke, magnanimously, argued that, with other players in the vicinity, a sending-off would not have been merited. Nathan Blake shot high in that opening phase, while Damien Johnson and

Dave Dunn, the teenager starting his first game for the club, menaced

Blackburn's elforts left no mark and, abruptly, defeat was inflicted upon them. Taking a pass from Fowler, after 30 minutes, Ince sent a magnificent 25-yard shot dipping into the top corner of the target off the inside of a post. Three minutes later. Redknapp's long ball was neatly controlled by Heggern and turned to Ince, who whipped a low cross behind the defence.

It broke from Fowler to Owen and although his first shot hit John Filan, the goalkeeper, the rebound struck the forward on the knee and ricocheted into the net. This ground is a place where cruelty is expected. "It would be difficult coming here if we had our strongest team and were top of the league. When we went 2-0 down I thought it might go to four or five," Parkes said.

The players have not got the quality of Liverpool but they did what was asked of them." It remains to be seen how far obedience can take this weakened squad and they hope to trigger a revival when

they leave behind them the concerns of the league programme and instead face Leicester City in the quarter-finals of the Worthington

Diligence, at least, has not deserted Blackburn. Dunn, who showed a commendable desire to make an impact, went on to force a good save from David James, as, too, did Blake There is, nonetheless, an unavailing tone to Blackburn. Two years ago. Parkes was in charge for almost a whole season and his spells in office have been so extensive that they almost merit a

He is adamant that Blackburn cannot allow a provisional state of affairs to linger and hopes that a successor to Roy Hodgson will be appointed within two to three weeks. Liverpool may have their frustrations, but Blackburn's troubles are of a far darker hue.

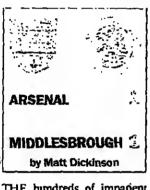
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Owen: secured victory

FA Carling Premiership: Champions end goal misery in nick of time

Anelka rescues weary Arsenal



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Seaman, right, the Arsenal goalkeeper, tooks anxiously over his shoulder after being beaten to the ball by Mustoe at Highbury yesterday

last seen disappearing in the direction of Seven Sisters. They failed to have a single shot on target from within the penalty area until Anelka's late finish, and only an Overmars shot from 20 yards that warmed Schwarzer's hands

carried any real danger. Middlesbrough were well aware that they were taking on a side with fragile confidence, and, for most of the game, it looked as if they would take maximum advantage. Ahead through Brian Deane in the sixth minute. their impressive early movement gradually fizzled out, though, with Ricard fading after a lively first half. Beck, who replaced the Colombian, should have wrapped things up in the 71st minute, but he glanced his header wide from within the six-yard box and after that, Middlesbrough allowed themselves to be pressed too far back to the point where they could hardly complain about

the equaliser. "We should have killed them off then," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said. "We could have counterattacked better and created more chances. It wasn't our intention to sit back, but we were up against the champions, they were at home and they were a goal down. They started taking risks and it

Whether Robson's side were helped or hindered by the enforced withdrawal of Gascoigne with a knee injury after an hour was debatable. While the England exile was the one Middlesbrough player capa-ble of holding the ball up. he was also guilty of some unnecessary overelaboration.

His absence from training for three days last week to contime his treatment for alcohol clearly hampered his fitness, and his hopes of recovering full fitness will not be aided by another suspension. Booked for clattering into Garde, it was Gascoigne's lifth caution in as many games and he will be banned for another game.
At the stage he limped off,

Middlesbrough had no reason to think they would not pick up the three points that would enable them to leapfrog over

Arsenal.

Deane had put them ahead when sidefooting in a crisp, low cross from the overlapping Dean Gordon, and it was an advantage they did not look like surrendering as the visi-tors' wing-back formation appeared to be stretching Arsenal's defence, particularly when Winterburn had to go off with a hamstring injury, which is likely to sideline him

for three weeks. While Arsenal were restricted to their inaccurate, long-range strikes, Middlesbrough should have gone ahead when

warrant a new footnote in the

Chelsea record book, but what does that really signify

when your aim is set at a far, far loftier target?

Vialli's sights are trained on

Arsenal and his goal is the championship, but there is something less tangible, a nagging ideal, which shim-

mers in the distance. There is a flash of Brazilian yellow.

circa 1970, perhaps a touch of

the impregnable Real Madrid

side of more than a decade

before. According to Vialli,

even Wimbledon were on the

receiving end a fortnight ago.

es of the Chelsea revolution

are all but complete, the club's

player-manager has identified

a frightening ideal. His team

Now that the first two stag-

Deane was one-on-one against Seaman, but the forward prodded feebly straight at the England goalkeeper.

That bad miss, along with Beck's dreadful error, was to prove costly when Anelka took Garde's chip round Vickers and shot - via the underside of the crossbar - in to the roof of the net. It was not Aneika's best finish, but after four games without a goal, Arsenal games without a goal, Arsenal were grateful for anything, ARSENAL (44-42; 0 Saman — L Dison, M Keown, S Bould, N Whitefourn (eds. N Vives, 27mm) — F Lungberg Isub F Caballer, 74), R Parlour, R Garde, M Overmars — C Wieh Isub: L Boa Morte, 63), N Anelia. MSDDLESBROUGH IS-3-2; M Schwasze — C Perming, S Vickers, G Pallister, C Cooper, O Gordon — R Musice, P Gascolgner, O Gordon — R Musice, P Gascolgner, O Maddison, 64), A Townsend — M Ricard (sub. M Bec.; 50), S Deane (sub M Summerbell, 90)
Reference; G Barber.

Ginola wins plaudits of managers

THE best stories possess the ability to surprise, the element of the unexpected. The scene is set, the tension builds up and, after a while, the characters seem to be almost predictable. Then, boom, the plot twists and contorts and suddenly what you thought you were reading or seeing turns out to have been

completely wrong. For example, when George Graham was appointed manager of Tottenham Hotspur, everybody, without exception, knew, or thought they knew. what was going to happen next. Supporters cursed his coming spitting out the words "Work" and "Ethic" as if they were rancid; pundits sat and shook their heads; housewives began to lose interest in football again. Graham was going to bounce David Ginola out of White Hart Lane and there was nothing that anybody could do

about it. Then. Saturday, Graham said this: "I thought Ginola was tremendous. He was tormenting them the whole game. I am not going to blame him for the goals, because it was not his job to

Then Ginola said: "Since I have been at Spurs, I have played for four managers and I think George Graham is the ooe the club deserves. He will take the club back to the top. People think 1 am frustrated, but I am not. He has given me the freedom of the left side and I am really grateful for that." If your jaw has dropped, by the way, please close it. Thank you.

The key is the manager. He will be bere for five or six years and maybe in a year or two I will be going. What I want is best for the club and George is best for the club. He

is the man for the future." Nor were these remarks isolated; there were more in the same vein. It was staggering, even more so because Tottenham had just lost a game they should at least have drawn. Yet there was Graham, all smiles, rueing a couple of defensive lapses and some dis-mal finishing but praising Ginola to the heavens — in literary terms, the equivalent of a complete character change in the space of a sentence.
That West Ham climbed to



by Peter Robinson second place in the FA Carling Premiership was almost incidental. Harry Redknapp, their manager, repeated his favourite mantra about building a team with youngsters and other people's cast offs and announced that Frank Lampard, his England under-21 midfield player, was not for sale, nor was anybody

else, so there. But it was Ginola who captured his imagination and no amount of praise said as much as the moment after the match when Redknapj strode up to the Frenchman put his hands on Ginola's shoulders and said: "You are

the best, you are fantastic." While Trevor Sinclair was made man of the match, he was anything but. True, he scored both West Ham goals the second a beauty, but for most of the afternoon he was tackling thin air as Ginola bustled past him, a world class winger against part-time wing back.

For his first, before the break, Sindair can thank Baardsen, the Tottenham goalkeeper for fumbling a shot by Lampard and present ing him with a sitter. For his second, overlooking some sloppy defending, he can thank Kitson for a perfect pass that he rewarded with a 20-yarder into the top corner. The crossbar denied him a

hat-trick. Tottenham deserved better Depleted and defiant they had most of the play but only Armstrong's consolation headed in from a corner by Ginola to show for it.

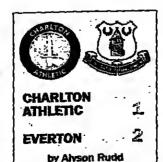
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Smith's signings start to shine | Vialli revolution not complete

DO NOT be surprised if you spot Walter Smith, the Everton manager, at the airport one Saturday morning, picking up the Everton chairman Peter Johnson, Smith's bool laden with groceries in case Johnson has run out of coffee or biscuits and with a tool-kit in case Johnson needs any odd

For the Duncan Ferguson Saga, while it led to relations being strained between the two men, has panned out rather nicely for Smith. On Match of the Day. Des Lynam joked at Ferguson's expense that the striker's move to Newcastle "Suits you sir". Well, it suits Smith, too, For at last he is well and truly the Everton coach. Smith has spent £20 million trying to improve the team, but all of his purchases paled into insignificance next to Ferguson, the fans' idol.

Of course. Smith could never contemplate selling Ferguson. Apart from the obvious effects that would have on his standing among supporters. it



would have placed too much pressure on the remaining players to excel without the Scottish forward. No. Johnson did Smith a huge favour. By keeping him in the dark about the deal with Rund Gullit's team. Smith is innocent.

"If I had had the option, we would have kept Ferguson."
Smith said on Saturday. Johnson does not mind being the fall guy. The fans were hardly fond of him, so more chants of "We want Johnson out" are not going to spear his soul. So Everton get £8 million to

assuage the financiers and Smith's signings get a chance to shine. And Johnson and Smith appear to have made up. Smith did not want to dis-cuss his meeting with Johnson last Monday, but Smith did acknowledge that it was "a force of circumstances" rather than treachery that was at work.

Of course, Everton fans will scoff at any notion that Ibrahima Bakayoko is now poised to fill the aching chasm in their hearts. But against Charlton the former Montpellier striker delivered his best game for Everton since his £4.5 million signing at Smith's behest.

Bakayoko had forged little in the way of a partnership with Ferguson and his tendency to run at defences without a thought for where Ferguson might be hardly endeared him to fans. Against Charlton that trait led to a penalty decision and although Michael Ball failed with his spot kick, the point that the Ivory Coastborn forward can unsenie defences has now been made.

It was Danny Cadamarteri, who blossomed in the new Dunc-free zone and he scored both Everton's goals, taking his chances with confidence after the Charlton goalkeeper, Sasa Ric, had made errors.

In goal for Everton, Thomas

Myhre was in fine form. He tipped a 35-yard shot from Neil Redfearn to safety and made excellent reaction savesfrom Kinsella and Mortimer. Chariton were unlucky that Hunt's header hit the upright and although they did beat Myhre, through Kinsella's free kick, Everton's shoddy attempt at a wall was to blame. We're disappointed but not despondent," said Alan Cur-bishley, the Charlton manager. Soon, that will be the view of the Everton faithful, too.

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THAT the gleeful hubbub rumbling merrily from the visiting dressing-room did not quite equate with Gianluca Viall's concept of perfection was all too apparent, for his mood was downbeat, his responses sullen. Ninetern games without defeat might

CHELSEA SHEFFIELD

WEDNESDAY 🛴 by George Caulkin

have already won trophies, probably the highest, hardest hurdle to leap. They are no looger the "Spoilt Foreigners In Which The Lack of Fighting Spirit Is Evident," as Vialli put it in his programme potes. Next, in the Imliance notes. Next in the Italian's

grand scheme comes flawless

ootball. The task he admits, is quite impossible", but he strives for it anyway. "I've always been a perfectionist, it's the way I am," he said after a performance that

minutes they reverted to the base instincts of the dullard. What they did not do was lose — a fate which would almost certainly have befallen them this time last season because, as Vialfi said, "in the

past, Chelsea have been inconsistent". They rode their luck on Saturday, not because they failed to create winning chances of their own - Pavel Smicek had a splendid game for Wednesday - but because there remains an occasional aloofness about their play. Andy Booth had spurned three promising openings, the

first after 20 seconds, before scoring his second goal of the season in the 67th minute. Niclas Alexandersson received the ball on the right, tore towards the touchline, spun inside Albert Ferrer and delivered a cross so perceptive that even Booth could not fail

ling in and just how far they still have to go. Sporadically, they played with technique those moments, as well as Wednesday's worthwhile claim for a penalty deep inand intellect; in the last 30 side the second half were less than overwhelming, it was only because of the lazy hypnotic quality of Chelsea's play. Most of their better movements came on the break, but there was a dearth of telling final passes, of drive, of fight.

The exception, as so often, was Gianfranco Zola, whose 27th-minute goal, nipping between two defenders for a neat little header after Smicek had clawed away Celestine Babayaro's cross, merely accentuated the foppishness of what followed. But Wednesday deserved their point for their spirit of resilience.

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Reid's men

answer

the critics

as Bridges

shows class

By Stephen Wood

IF THERE is a theory that the

anxiety creeping into support-

ers of Sunderland will mani-

fest itself in the team, a more

eloquent refutacion could not

have been forthcoming. It is

perhaps typical that one defeat

should destabilise such a fer-

vent following but, freak results apart, the Sunderland

players appear assured of

their destiny. In the short term, that

means promotion to the FA

Carling Premiership. Last week, their first defeat of the

campaign, a home reverse to

Barnsley, brought some pain-

ful memories flooding back. In

recent years, the club has con-

fronted its inability to remain

in the top flight, and begun the

slow, agonising, process of re-

establishing themselves. Crucially, Peter Reid, the manager of Sunderland, is

learning from those closest to

him, at least geographically.

Newcastle United were the

first North East club to

achieve success by way of

squad strengthening, now

Middlesbrough are enjoying a

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Sheffield United...

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Nationwide League: Defeat in derby match provides evidence of hard times ahead

Lee's case savaged by woeful Wolves

West Bromwich Albion2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0

By RICHARD HOBSON

FOR a club that is described as being "big" far too glibly and far too often, Wolverhampton Wanderers demonstrated remarkably little ambition over an inauspicious weekend. If the prospects for Colin Lee as manager beyond this season depend on whether he takes the side into the FA Carling Premiership, then he would do well to keep half an eye on alternative employment in the weeks ahead.

By appointing Lee to succeed Mark McGhee for the remainder of the campaign on Saturday morning, Wolves have fudged the issue. It is not so much a vote of confidence as a spoiling of the ballot paper. Either his results as caretaker-manager - three wins and a draw from four games — warranted longerterm support, or the directors should have turned elsewhere. They were hardly short of ap-plicants. Lee is effectively on trial between now and next May and that can only foster uncertainty among players.

Fourteen years have passed since they last graced the top flight. Lee is the eighth manager to attempt to return. Anybody born since 1975 would find it extraordinary to learn that Wolves were the country's premier side in the 1950s, when they won the old first

Lee was discreet after suffering a first defeat yesterday. "In football you are always on trial," he said. "Maybe my trial period is shorter than most managers. My first reaction was delight at getting the job rather than disappointment at the length of the contract."

ing, there is no outstanding team in the Nationwide League first division this season. Lee said after a defeat warranted by the performance that he did not intend to dismantle the side he has inherited. Since he has been given no guarantee that money is available, that is just as well.

For the opening 30 minutes Wolves held sway in this local derby, but their best chance was fashioned close to halftime, when Holmes cleared off

Albion provided altogether more testing opposition after the break. Just a minute had passed when Curle brought down Hughes 25 yards out. Bortolazzi back-heeled the free kick into the path of Kilbane, whose left-foot shot soared beyond Stowell.

Bortolazzi played his part, too, in the second goal in the 61st minute. His corner was swung in from the left and Hughes arched underneath Stowell to glance it on for Murphy to stab into the net. bare-faced cheek.

Hughes rushed away to claim what would have been his 23rd goal of the season. Murphy was having none of it, and, for all of his endeavour, Hughes rarely threatened to score against the side that rejected him three years ago. Hughes, then with Kidderminster Harriers, recounted yesterday how in his week of training under Graham Taylor at Molineux, he did nothing but

Molineux, he did nothing but play Gaelic football, A strange club indeed, Wolves.
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Whittingham, the Wolverhampton striker, fails to find the target for his struggling side at The Hawthorns yesterday

Oxford in debt to Windass

Norwich City.: Oxford United.

BY BILL EDGAR

NORWICH City supporters often cast envious eyes at Leices-ter City and wonder what have been. Martin O'Neill's promotion and League Cup triumph at Filbert Street came only after his acri-monious departure in 1995 from the East Anglian side, another Nationwide League first division club of similar size. They were reminded yesterday of why he left Carrow Road after half a season by a

O'Neill was angered by Norwich's refusal to fund the sign-

player whose aborted move to

Oxford United striker made his first appearance at Carrow Road since then, he played a key role in ending the home side's seven-match unbeaten run. He scored one goal and helped to create another as the visitors, reportedly £13 million in debt. continued to show reserves of lighting spirit. Norwich had started bright-

ly, taking an early lead, but their unbeaten home record was doomed long before the finish as the Oxford players, whose wages have been paid recently by the Professional Footballers' Association. Association, showed the determination that has brought them three consec-Shotton,

Norfolk partly led to his resignation as manager. Oxford manager, who has been waiting several weeks for his latest pay packet, was deno problem with my players,"

he said. "Norwich were rampant in the first 15 minutes but we weathered the storm and I think we were the better side. The driving force behind

City's early forays was Craig Bellamy, who had already tested Whitehead with a firm shot by the time he gave his side a fourth-minute lead. The Wales striker collected a through pass from Jackson, shrugged off Gilchrist and scored his fourteenth goal of the season. Thereafter, Norwich fell away and Bruce Rioch, the manager. admitted: "It was a very poor performance,"

A spell of Oxford pressure was rewarded when Brian Wilsterman headed the equaliser in the 34th minute from a cross by Gray after Marshall missed his punch. The Norwich goalkeeper was beaten again two minutes later but was saved by Kenton's goalline clearance from a header

half injury time, when a slip by Mackay let in Thomson. whose cross was slid in by Windass at the far post. Wiridass began the move that completed the victory with a long. diagonal cross to Powell, whose header gave Thomson the chance to sidefoot past Marshall.
Powell is among several

players who may be sold soon to keep Oxford afloat. "We're in a desperate state financially," Shotton said. At least the players' spirits remain high. NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): A Marshall — M Jackson, M Mackey, C Flemmy, O Kerdon — N Adams, I, Marshall (sub: A Forbes, 62min), P Grant (sub: O Russell, 81), K O'Neil — C Bellamy, I Roberts

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by Gilchrist. Oxford took the lead in firstpromising return, backed by a

there is no lack of quality. In attack Sunderland are blessed with options. With Kevin Phillips still unavailable at Bramall Lane on Saturday, and Daniel Dichio a sub-stitute. Niall Quinn and Michael Bridges took the opportunity to score two goals each and open up a five-point gap at the summit of the Na-

ionwide League first division. Bridges, a 20-year-old from North Shields, was a delight to watch and he took both of his goals, after 13 and 35 minutes, with composure. He wasted a chance of a hat-trick by missing a second-half penalty, but no matter. A Sunderland fan from birth, he is more than capable of easing his friends

What Sheffield United have in the striking department, they are doing their best to sell. Brian Deane and Jan Aage Fjortoft left the club last season, while Gareth Taylor joined Manchester City last week. Dean Saunders, still at 34 years of age their most valuable asset, could have played his last game for the club as well. A transfer to Benfica fell through but, supported by a clause in his contract, he is now in discussions with a Premiership club, thought to

be Everton, about a move. Despite Carlo Colombotti providing some financial stability for the club. all is not well for Steve Bruce, the Sheffield United manager. Considcred as rivals for promotion with Sunderland, they were humiliated on Saturday, exposed in defence and attack. The best side won by a million

Two-goal Crespo's blow for Milan elite

Juan Sebastian Veron. Parma are now two points behind the Serie A leaders. Fiorentina, who were held to a scoreless draw at Bari. And while Internazionale came from a goal down to squeezè a late 2-l win in the San Siro against Salernitana, a changing order in Italy was again sensed in Bologna where Juventus

Piero to injury, paying for the policy of annually selfing off stars, Juventus are also nervy and distracted by Uefa's order to play on Wednesday the postponed Champions' League match against Galatasaray in Istanbul.

Elsewhere in Serie A. there was unwanted drama at Udinese when the Cagliari defender, Gianluca Grassadonia, was taken to hospital for tests on Sunday night after collapsing and needing a heart massage during a Se-rie A match against Udinese. Grassadonia collided with Udinese's Tomas Locatelli.

en irom winning ly thinks now is the hour to

challenge that. If timing is of the essence, maybe Vasco da Gama have it and Barcelona do not. Each of them are 100 years old but whereas Vasco, the Brazil club, are warming up for the Intercontinental Cup against Real Madrid in Tokyo tomorrow. Barcelona is awash with white handkerchiefs. Following the 3-3 draw against Manchester United that eliminated Barca from the Champiuns' League, they succumbed on Saturday 1-0 at the Nou Camp to a Vladimir Jugovic penalty for Atletico Madrid. It spoiled Barca's centenary launch and, since Patrick Kluiveri could only strike a post the mood against Louis van Gaal and his Dutch imports is hardening.

Curcic completes Palace recovery

Crystal Palace2 Watford..

GRAHAM TAYLOR may have played the villain to Terry Venables's hero in the England soap opera, but on the domestic stage he continues to command equal billing with his successor as national coach. A throat infection has left Taylor house-bound and unable to talk much about Watford's excellent progress, but, as Kenny Jackett, his understudy for the past fortnight, pointed out in the programme on Saturday, his

Third in the Nationwide League first division. Watford are well placed for a fifth promotion in two spells under Taylor. Venables helieves that playing standards at this level have improved since the pair were first in charge of their present clubs two decades ago. The quality is higher." Venables said. "With all the foreigners coming into the Premiership, you've got Premiership

record speaks for itself.

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Having gained two thirds of their points when they were relegated last season on their travels. Palace's strength has switched to Selhurst Park, where a storming display after the interval deserved an eighth successive home win. "I thought we really terrorised them in the second half. We showed a lot of character," Venables, whose side recovered

After conceding a headed goal from Wright and a far post tap-in by Kennedy within the opening half-hour. Palace produced some slick one-touch play. Tuttle headed home after a 34th minute free kick from Rizzo and the draw was secured to minutes from time when Curcic converted a penalty after he had been fouled by

sluggish Luton

Luton Town Manchester City.....1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

ACCORDING to Lennie Lawrence, the manager of Luton Town, the game with Manchester City on Saturdaymarked the beginning of an important eight days for his club. 'The biggest week for some time," he said.

In the wake of the decision of John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, to turn down their plans for a new stadium. Luton at least have a chance to gain glory and, with it, some much-needed revenue, by staying alive in three competitions even before the Auto Wind-

screens Shield starts.

Tomorrow, they visit Sun-derland in the Worthington Cup fifth round, and, next Saturday, entertain Hull City, the bottom club in the Nationwide League, when they should book their place in the FA Cup third round. "Should" is, of course, the operative word: team's prospects in both

games could be damaged by a tendency to start sluggishly. The performance against

City was a perfect example. Only a strong second-half rally enabled Luton to take a point; not enough to prevent them slipping out of the Nationwide League second division play-off places.

They went behind after 27 minutes when Andy Morrison, the burly City defender, headed Russell's corner over Davies to celebrate his elevation to the captaincy only six games after his bargain £80,000 signing from Hud-dersfield Town. However, an injury sustained in winning one of many muscular challenges meant that he did not

but left Gary Doherty, a substitute, unmarked from a corner to head an equaliser,

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City should still have won.

Substitute rescues Slapstick Chester fall on hard times

Brentford

BY ANDY STEPHENS

would grace any episode of You've Been Framed and, given that the makers of that programme pay £250 for every clip they show, perhaps Chester should acquire a video of the game. They need every penny they can get and will be back in the High Court next month, trying to persuade the Football League that the club has a viable long-term future. To save themselves. Chester need to find a benefactor, bui, the trouble is they have linle to

recommend them. They have won only one of

their past nine games, their home support is meagre and their disciplinary record is atrocious. Furthermore, there is no prospect of a lucrative FA

Cup run because they went

out in the first round, beaten 6-0 by Cardiff City. Potential buyers, beware, "We are soldiering on, and the commitment of the players remains absolute - even though they are playing for a basic wage with no prospect of bonus or appearance money."

In contrast, everything in the Brentford garden is rosy. Ron Noades, the club's ownermanager, has assembled a squad capable of winning promotion and Saturday's welldeserved victory - couriesy of goals from Lloyd Owusu and Martin Rowlands - leaves them on the heels of the leaders with games in hand.

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Chester City.....

FOR those with a mischievous

sense of humour, there was a moment to savour in the sec-ond half of this Nadonwide League third division match at Griffin Park on Saturday, when Alex Smith, the Chester City forward, tripped over his own feet and tumbled to the ground while trundling over to the byline to take a throw in. It was an interlude that

Kevin Ratcliffe, the Chester manager. said.

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SILVIO BERLUSCONI, the owner of AC Milan, may have gained a seat at the table of G-14, the big clubs forcing elitism on the Uefa Champions' League, but his smile is thin. Yesterday Milan were routed at Parma as Enrico Chiesa, Hernan Crespo twice, and Alain Boghossian converted Parma's pace, power and skill into a 4-0 victory. Driven forwards by

Losing Alessandro Del

It is win or bust for Juventus at a venue made the more frightening by Italy's refusal to extradite a eading Kurdish rebel. Politics stopped play a week ago; today Uefa deems it safe to go on.

Uefa also faces endemic take-over games on its con-tinent. Manchester United's deal with Antwerp and Arsenal paying a retainer to St Etienne makes those clubs effectively junior part-ners. Today, AS Roma go further with an 18 million francs (£1.875 million) purchase of Nice who have fall-French championships in the 1950s to secondary status. Half a year ago, Uefa and Fifa tried to close a loop-hole by declaring multi-club ownership cannot be allowed in the same competition. Roma obvious-

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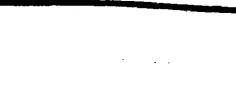
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Kettering maintain impressive revival

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY KLITH PIKE

TWELVE months ago they were bottom of the table with-out a win in 13 games and seemingly destined to end an 18-year run in the Conference. but Kettering Town's improvement under Peter Morris, the manager, means that they must now be considered serious championship contenders.

Kenering's 2-1 victory over Forest Green Rovers nn Saturday kept them hard on the heels of Cheltenham Town, the leaders, whose narrow win over Rushden and Dia-monds was watched by a crowd of 4,061, the biggest to pack into Whaddon Road for a Conference fixture.

Ahead inside 20 seconds through Paul Warne, the striker on loan from Wigan Athletic, who scored from outside the area, Kettering were pegged back when Hunt squared for Sykes to tap into an empty net after II minutes. but Warne's second goal, a powerful header from a cross by Carl Adams, secured victory for Kettering, who now trail Cheltenham on goal dif-

In third place are Stevenage Borough, for whom Carl Alford scored his fourteenth goal of the season in a 2-2 draw with Telford United. Stevenage are one of at least seven Conference sides - Kidderminster Harriers can make it eight if they beat Plymouth Argyle in their delayed replay tomorrow - hoping to earn a place in the third round of the FA Cup next weekend. One representative is guaran-Aced with Doncaster Rovers, still bottom of the Conference after their defeat away to Hereford United on Saturday, at home to Rushden.

If there are at least half a dozen clubs with pretensions to the Conference title, the same cannot be said for two of the feeder leagues. On Saturday. Aylesbury United beat their nearest challengers, Billericay Town, 3-0 to open up an eight-point lead in the Ryman League premier division, while Nuncaton Borough's dramatic 4-3 win over Halesowen means that they are now 14 points clear of Ilkeston Town in the Dr Martens Rangers' new regime takes Scottish League Cup to Ibrox for 21st time

Advocaat delivers familiar prize

RANGERS

ST JOHNSTONE

by Phil Gordon

RANGERS claimed their first silverware of the Dick Advocust era when they defeated St Johnstone in an absorbing Scottish League Cup Final at Celtic Park yesterday. The trophy is a familiar one for Rangers. It has graced the reign of almost every manager at the club since the war and now sits in the throx boardroom for the 21st time.

A wonderful move, finished

off by Jorg Albertz in the 35th minute, proved too much for Si Johnstone to overcome, but at least the underdogs had beaten their own inhibitions after a seven-goal mauling by Rangers in the Premier League just three weeks ago. Sandy Clark's side

displayed a spirit to match their inventiveness and were rewarded with a fine equaliser from Niek Dasovic after Stephane Guivarch had given Rangers an early lead. They departed to a standing ovation from their supporters in the 45.533 crowd, but Advocant clasped the greater prize, even though the Dutchman was characteristically unexcited afterwards. "I'm quite happy," he said. "It was important for the club to win this."

Advocaat denied that he felt under pressure to succeed quickly after the triumphs the club enjoyed under Walter Smith, Advocaat's predecessor as manager of Rangers. 'Walter Smith did an excellent job and every manager tries the same, but that is in the past. Now is what counts." he said.

While cup finals are common currency for Rangers, for St Johnstone they possess the allure of something more substantial. Their only previous appearance in one came when they lost to Celtic in the League Cup final in 1969. Such underachievement, coupled with the Glasgow clubs' domination, tends to see an inferiority complex writ large over



Hendry, the Rangers centre half, clears his lines under severe pressure from Kernaghan at Celtic Park yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

United, for instance, froze in this final a year ago when they lost 3-0 to Celtic and St Johnstone seemed destined to travel down the same route after going a goal behind after just

Sergio Porrini delivered a ball down the right flank that arced over the head of Gary Bollan, the retreating St Johnstone left back, into the path of Andrei Kanchelskis. The Ukrainian sped after the pass and delivered a perfect cut-back from the goalline for Guivarch, who scored twice against the same opposition on his Rangers debut three weeks ago, to drive into the

roof of the net. However, St Johnstone did not crumble; instead, they countered. Within two minutes they were level, thanks to Dasovic, the Canada player who scored a spectacular winning goal against Celtic at the same ground in September. Paul Kane's free kick picked out the head of Alan Kernaghan and he knocked the ball down perfectly into the path of Dasovic, who sent a searing half-volley into the net

from the edge of the area. St Johnstone's audacity knew no bounds, and Philip Scott squandered a chance to give his team the lead after latching on to a pass from John O'Neil. Rangers, though, continued to probe at Bollan, their former player, whom Advocaat deemed to be the weak link. Kanchelskis repeatedly left him in his wake and only an alert save by Alan Main at the feet of the former

Manchester United winger prevented another goal. Guivarch should have doubled his haul in the 29th minute from Rod Wallace's hanging cross, but the France striker headed over from point-blank range. However, Guivarch atoned for that six Rangers. Albertz delightfully

stepped over Ferguson's pass, allowing it to reach Guivarch who eased it back into the path of the Germany midfield player to fire a left-foot shot beyond Main.

St Johnstone's resistance was undiluted, but Advocaat tightened up his defence con-siderably after half-time. Amoruso maintained a vigilant, if at times illegal. watch on George O'Boyle, who was St Johnstone's main hope of a goal. That left the door ajar for O'Neil and his shot in the 54th minute was just wide

deserved some justice when

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Rangers were always a threat.

Giovanni van Bronckhorst

drove inches wide and Main

produced a spectacular save in

the 80th minute from Kanchel-

skis. "We gave it our best shot." Dasovic said. "That 7-0 game was a fluke and I think

we proved today that the gap

is not so big."

Aberdeen continue fall from grace

By PHIL GORDON

RED-LETTER days rarely make their mark on the calendars of Aberdeen supporters these days. Red faces have replaced anniversaries and

weekly.

Fifteen years ago to the week that the club played SV Hamburg in the European Super Cup Final, voices were again raised at Pittodrie. This time, however, the emotion was anger after Aberdeen's 3-0 capitulation at home to

Dundee United.

More than 300 fans demanding the sacking of the manager. Alex Miller, after the match. Only Dunfermline's defeat by Kilmarnock prevented Aberdeen from occupying the bottom place in the Scottish Premier League.

It was hardly the way that Miller would have wished to mark the end of his first year in charge. Aberdeen's dismal run of just one league win in 14 games this season means that Miller had managed just

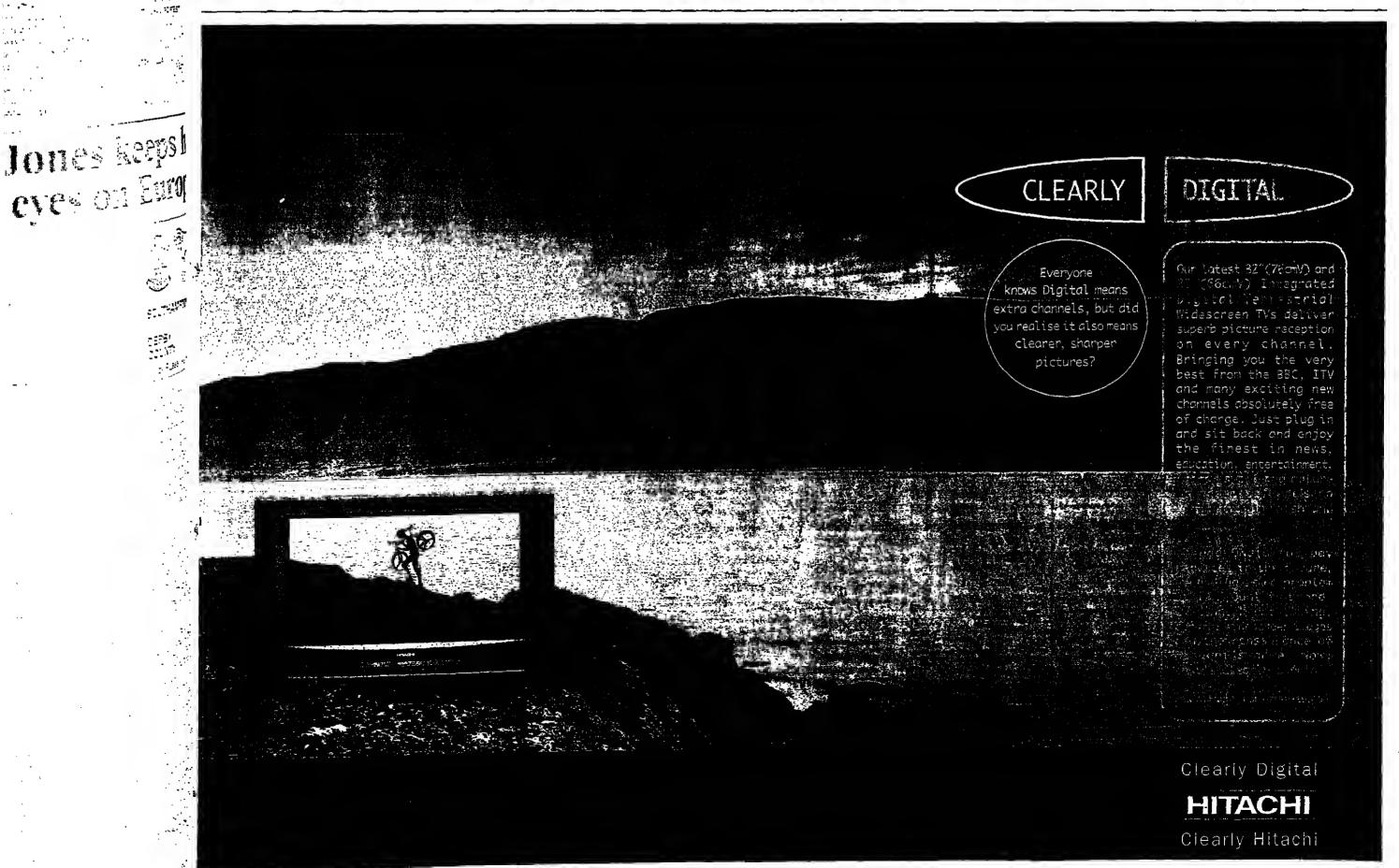
Il successes in 42 games. Miller, who had seen his key summer signing. Craig Hignett, depart in an ES00,000 transfer to Barnsley in midweek, complained: " have been here a year, but I have not had the finance to restructure the team. I can understand the fans directing their anger at me. They want to see us winning, but we need new faces for that to happen."

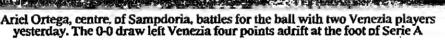
Miller, however, is being economical with the truth. One of Dundee United's goals was scored by Joe Miller, a player he gave a free transfer to, while another, Billy Dodds, has scored nine goals for United and Scotland since being sold by Aberdeen three

months ago.

Proof that rehabilitation is possible was provided by Ian Durrant and Phil O'Donnell, two midfield players whose full potential has been blighted by injuries.

Durrant scored his first goal for Kilmarnock, and his first for two years, with a spectacular 25-yard drive that led to a 3-0 win at Dunfermline and closes the gap on Rangers to two points. O'Donnell underlined his recent fine form ic beat his former team, Motherwell, 2-0.





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Lunacy over use of whip From Mr Steve Miller

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wenty years ago, the term "body lan-guage" did not exist. If you commented on sport and wanted to be taken seriously, you confined your-self to technicalities. The extraordinary depth he maintains on second service, his ability to extract lateral movement on an apparently docile puch — that sort of thing.

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To talk about the psychology of, say, the moment be-tween first and second service when you are break-point down, or of preparing to face Lilian Thomson, to discuss the head-down walk to square leg or the shoulder-slumping re-treat to the baseline — such a thing was considered daring. Certainly, it was not main-

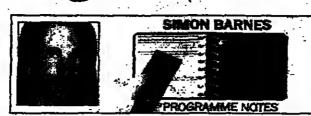
language were screaming at every viewer on the television screen, but they were matters politely ignored by the whis-pering expert inside the set. We in the sitting-rooms could see who had got it and who had lost it. We would point out to others that so and so had "gone at all levels", or that, a set down, McEnroe was cruising to victory.

These days, things have turned around. Television is deeply aware of sport's fascination as a kind of psychological Petri dish: and is now committed to showing us lar more than the ball-hitting part of the the contest. Commentators seek to read and interpret body language as an aspect of

routine. They have shifted from the certainties of specialised technical knowledge to the fascinating imprecisions in which every human is expert.

Thus, as we watched the en-thraffing semi-final duel be-tween Tim Henman and Carlos Moya, John Barrett and Mark Cox. commentating for the BBC, found themselves committed to an analysis of the bounce in the step of the two players as they returned to position after a point.

Clive James summed up television's power when discussing his own appearance on University Challenge. He won-dered if the cameras had caught the struggle, between fatuous self-delight and proper modesty as he won with a



last-minute interruncion. "I expect so. Personality is what television always captures. Everything else if lets go." If that is an overstatement of

the case, it sums up the fascina-tion of televised sport. Termis is a glorious psychological drama. You may not get a full appreciation of speed and angle and variation from the two-dimensional image, but you certainly get the faces. And the body language. These days, we get action re-plays of non-action. This is a one of the significant recent changes in sports coverage.
And, like most new things, it can be intriguing, even startingly revealing, or it can be a tedious gimmick that interrupts the flow of the drama.

Celebration is the camera's body language of choice: we get slomos of delight, slomos

penches and skyward leaps. There seems to be more bounce in Moya's step now," our commentators agreed. And there, in cloud, we had Moya's steps. Yes, there he was, on the bells of his feet, walking with that slight air of gravity-defiance that you find

in tennis players who have just his argood shot. This was interesting, because Barrets and Cox had just been calling Henman a winner on the grounds of, yes, body anguage, as Our Boy opened the final set by breaking service and then eased to a 3-1 lead with clear dominance expressed in every muance of bounce and stride. We know Henman's body

And then Moya went and won the damn thing. And no, Henman's body language did not telegraph unmistakable

little skip when turning back to the baseline after putting

away a volley, the thigh-high, ultra-discreet clenching of the

fist after winning a hig point,

the hardening of the eyes that betrays the steel behind the deceptive mildness of his face.

There was Moya running through all the body vocabu-

lary of defeatism: . slumped

shoulders, angry racket-swish-ing, leaden footsteps, face of

had to do was to watch Tim

serve out and make his way to

signs of despair and dismay;

ignation. So all we experts

fill the screen with trium-phalism. I shall tell you the Moya won by playing better tennis. If you must have it, it was weight of shot on the forecombining to pass Henman repeatedly at the net, that turned the match around. Henman played well: Moyà raised

his game a fag-paper higher. Athletes spend a lot of time denying psychological aspects of the encounter that are obvious to the viewer: I wasn't overwhelmed, be was just the better player on the day. For once, such an assessment was absolutely spot-on. Body language lied: truth was in the forehands and backhands.

'What presumption. Someone was counting unborn chickens in a reckless manner'

Getting stuck in to fans who miss the points

helsea dropped two points on Saturday. A loud-mouthed supporter on my train back to Brighton was much exercised by the fact. "All I know is," he bellowed, "we dropped two points and I Don't Like It." Well, I didn't know Ken Bates lived in Brighton. I didn't look up, of course, to verify the presence of the belligerent Chelsea chairman. Instead, I bent ever closer to the pages of my book, making fancy pencil notes in the margins (to signal scholarly concentration). I wanted the ersatz Mr Bates to think I didn't know what he was talking about; that football was not my game. Carefully, I hid my telitale Chelsea-Sheffield Wednesday programme, in case he was looking for a punch-up.

Dropped two points? Well, what presumption. Someone had been counting unborn chickens in a reckless manner, it seemed to me, and serve them right if they were disappointed. Personally, I had watched the 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge from the Sheffield Wednesday enclave ("Barmy-army" clapclap, "Barmy-army" clap-clap) and it had looked anything but cut and dried. True, our chaps in away-strip yellow weren't so hot on the elegant, pinpoint 70-yard crossfield passes, but we were dauntless in defence and Petter Rudi was jolly threatening up-front in a skinny, dragonfly, Norwegian kind of way.

Big Andy Booth threatened the goal a few times and finally equalised in the 67th minute. Sadly, however; Benito Carbone did not respond to the occasional encouraging shout of "Come on Benny" and had a petulant, mediocre game. But how disheartening it must be for the little chap to hear all those chants yearning for the return of Paolo Di Canio. Don't they ever think of that? I know many plain women who feel similarly affronted when men ogle Sharon Stone in their company. "I am here." Benito surely wants to say. "I do have feelings."

To be honest, Benny, I wasn't

having a fantastic time either. I

could cope with being a Wednes-

fore), and I could even handle the swimmy mental effects of (cough, sniff) having a cold, but I could not cope with the man to my left, because he was a nutcase. Oh, yes. You know the sort of person. Everyone applauds a clever bit of business and the nutcase continues to clap loudly for another 15 seconds, to demonstrate that he cares more. He stands up a lot, and glares at you if you remain seated. He smells ominously of drink and has not worn enough clothes.

"Get stuck in!" he yells furiously at the team. "Get stuck in, get



stuck in, get stuck in, get stuck in. get stuck in, get stuck in, get stuck in, get stuck in." Oh, shut up, shut up, you want to say. But instead, with the novel-and-pencil option sadly unavailable, you just pre-tend to be deeply absorbed in something else. This explains why, for much of the match on Saturday, I found myself peering through binoculars at imaginary off-the-ball incidents at the far end. No wonder I didn't notice Chelsea had it in the bag. Too busy avoiding eyecontact with Nutcase by watching Marcel Desailly pull his socks up. It got quite nasty at one point.

Nutcase had made instant friends with an enthusiastic red-haired chanter to his left, and they were barmy-armying with gusto when Nutcase suddenly tried to haul the redhead to his feet. This was Owls camaraderie taken too far, apparently; unprintable words were exchanged. The redhead was furious and scary. He had those lashless blue eyes that give you the heebie-jeebies. Elbows were flung and I found myself unable to con-tain my chin-wobble. But the incident safely passed and afterwards I wistfully trained my bins on the press box, where this sort of brutal altercation almost never takes place (except in the battle for the

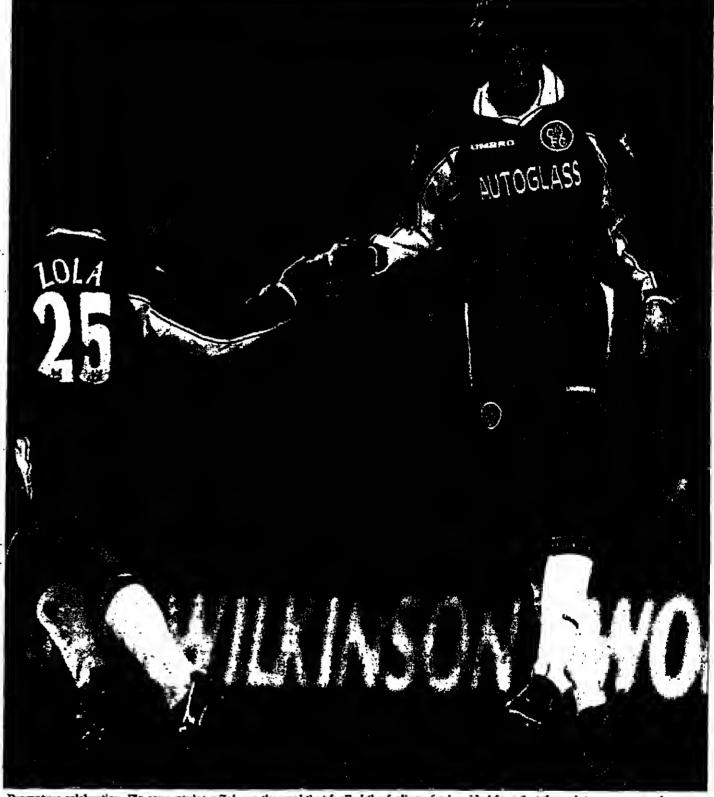
last egg sandwich, of course).

o it was an odd match for me. Alternately intimidated and mentally untethered (cough, sniff, where the invisible presences in the game. Like those two lost points that giggled together tantalisingly overhead but were arguably never born, there were other ghostly contributors: important absentees. Dennis Wise, suspended, always leaves a hole in the Chelsea side that is famously disproportionate to his stature. You get the chassis but not the engine. Meanwhile, what of that elusive (or do I mean illusive?) Pierluigi Gigi" Casiraghi? Will I die before seeing Gigi play for Chelsea? Will we all die before seeing Gigi score another goal? But, more importantly, Wednes-

day were missing Kevin Pressman-in goal as well as Di Canio. Closing my eyes, I could see them both. Pressman all pale and stocky; haughty Di Canio all razored sideburns and ugly thighs, dodging meretriciously this way and that before succumbing to a tackle and losing the ball. Ah, yes, the only player I've seen who could disappear up his own shorts. Armoving or not, you really do miss him when he's not there. What I liked about the match was the way Gianfranco Zola

played. His drop in form last sea-

son was a small tragedy, but was



Premature celebration: Flo congratulates Zola on the goal that fuelled the feeling of misguided fans that the points were as good as won

From Mr Christopher Gibaud

Sir, Michael Henderson may

well have been justified in issu-

ing a yellow card to Liver-

pool's two football teams (No-

vember 21). But all Merseysiders would expect him to study

the evidence that caused him

to issue an equal reprimand to

the region as a whole - and

then withdraw the yellow card he issued to our economy,

Far from being a symbol of

decline, Merseyside continues to rise up the national table in ways that may surprise him. Business confidence is higher, unemployment is still falling and business start-ups are increasing more quickly than the national surprise process.

the national average. Inward investment is higher too -

especially in the call centre

industry where the Liverpool

accent is seen as a positive

What's more, Merseyside is

in the Premier League when it

comes to quality of life in its

cultural offering, its open spaces, its limited commuting

time, and of course, in its

advantage.

sometimes I felt I'd imagined it. "Didn't he used to be Player of the Year?" I'd ask people, and they'd reply "Mm?", as if it were bad manners to bring it up. There was a time when opponents built their entire defence around Zola - manmarking him; running around be-

treated with such discretion that fore the match with "Oh no, how will we deal with Zola?" expressions. Evidently he has regained confidence under Vialli's management and is happily scoring goals again for a crowd that never stopped loving him. Given the fickleness of football, this is an exceptional story, I think.

Back with the aborted twopoints debate, however, how refreshing it was to see Harry Redknapp on Match of the Day surveying West Ham's statistics with an expression of pure, chuffed surprise. "Normally we've got 26 points around the middle of March," he said. "Not at the end of

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November." You can't help thinking it's the more sensible approach. Instead of poking around in the eggshells, saying "we was robbed", postpone that chicken census. Look at Mr Redknapp's chickens. He's only just noticed them and they're pecking him on the leg!

> This week in THE TIMES

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Lunacy over use of whip

From Mr Steve Miller

Sir, Even the RSPCA, which grasps very little of what horse racing is about, has acknowledged that "carrying a whip is necessary to steer a horse and for safety, but not to beat it to

How then does the Jockey Club — which is supposed to grasp a little more of what the sport of horse racing is about - respond? It plans a programme of races, for apprentices, in which the whip can be carried, but not used. This is spectacular, bordering on in-spirational, lunacy. What logical process, that concedes that a rider needs to carry a whipfor safety also deprives apprentices (those most in need of

tection that the whip affords? As a racehorse owner, I adopt a staunch position against misuse of the whip. But this pandering to the socalled "concerned wider public", who know little or noth-ing about horse racing, has to stop. No one wants to see cruelty inflicted on these magnificent animals, but that is clearly not (in the vast majority of incidents called before the

stewards) what is happening.

The RSPCA's director gener-

that safety aspect) from the pro-

al, Peter Davies, would be better advised to direct his worthy efforts to areas of animal cruel ty and neglect deserving of his organisation's attention such as the care of neglected ex-racehorses in an over-pro-

duced industry.

The proposed measures appear to be aimed at apprentice jockeys from the beginning of the next Flat turf season. If extended to jockeys in National Hunt races the potential for disaster is too horrific to contemplate, with mounts under apprentices wandering off a straight line, becoming unbalanced at crucial times in a race, and so on.

When the first fatality occurs, to horse or rider, as a direct consequence of these "whipless races" perhaps the powers that be will rethink the situation. I urge the Jockey Club to search its conscience and come up with something better than a quick-fix solution to appease those who are ignorant of the facts. Yours faithfully. STEVE MILLER.

Goal kicks

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From Mr B. Hesmondhalgh Sir, Why are goal kicks so often wasted in football? The goalkeeper boots the ball as far as he is able, hoping that his side's lorwards will collect

SPORTS LETTERS

Improving the cricket from Australia

Sir, The chances of England winning the Ashes would be enhanced if Mr Gooth were to tell his team "no hookers". I assume (perhaps wrongly) that they would understand what he meant.

Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR D. YOUNG, 2 Bayham Road, Sevenoaks TNI3 3XA.

From Professor David Purdie

Sir. It is really terribly frustrating not to be able to hear and hence judge the line and length of Glenn McGrath's verbal deliveries to England batsmen in the Test matches. A Test Malch Spe-

cial-approved lip reader could murmur the text of the sledge into the radio microphone, and it could appear as a TV subtitle, thus fructifying the commentry. At close of play, a bowler's smal-ysis should include his sledge rate in addition to his strike rate, the former probably being found

to be inversely proportional to the latter. Sir Donald Bradman once said that a sledger should be warned, once and then dropped. The definitive opinion.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully DAVID PURDIE,

The Old Rectory, Rowley, Little Weighton, East Yorkshire HU20 3XR.

Rovers are a little unjust. His inference, that Blackburn Rovers is merely a provincial chib unable to keep up with

it and set up an attack. More often than not, the opposing backs who contrive to fasten on to it and set up an attack instead. Since possession is the name of the game, would it not be better if — at least from time to time — the goalkeepers pass the ball along the ground to one of their backs and thus ensure that his side can mount an attack? Yours faithfully, W.B. HESMONDHALGH,

45 Malvern Court. Onslow Square SW7 3HY.

Blackburn tip From Dr Michael Foley Sir, Some of Oliver Hott's comments in his feature article (November 23) on Roy Hodgson's

departure from Blackburn

the best is not borne out by the Although admittedly in considerable difficulties over the last three months, a glance at their final placings since the Premiership's inception is quite revealing. It shows them to have maintained an average final position of fifth over that six-year period and to have only once dropped below the top seven - a record which former internationals. I think many so-called glamour clubs will envy. Yours faithfully, RAY RUDDICK,

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL FOLEY, 87 Ribchester Road, Clayton-le-Dale, Blackhurn BBI 9HT,.

Pontypooliana

From Mr Ray Ruddick It is hoped to create a Postly-

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pool RFC Museum in the near future, which could be an attraction at the World Cup. If anyone has anything related to Pontypool RFC, eg photographs, caps, jerseys, programmes, dinner menus, ties, badges, match tickets, who wishes to donate or lend them, please contact me. I would also like to hear from families of former players, particularly

> football teams. Merseyside is going places, Mr Henderson, If Liverpool FC and Everton do as well, we

Liverpool and the trophy cabinets of both are full again. Vigo thriving

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER GIBAUD, Chief Executive, The Mersey Partnership, Cunard Buildings, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 IET.

From Mr Tony Salter Sir, Robert Elms's criticism of the people of Vigo and the re-gion of Galicia as a whole has caused great offence to the warm and hospitable people of this beautiful corner of

Spain. Last year my company had the opportunity to work with them as organiser of the World Fishing exhibition in Vigo. We found a thriving city where the people have successfully rebuilt their traditional industries of shipbuilding and fishing. Vigo is now also as impressive manufacturing and financial centre with an extensive cultural life based on

Galicia's ancient literary and artistic traditions. Galicia itself is an outstanding justification for the policy of developing a Europe of the regions. Its strong newspapers and television stations are helping to build an exciting at-

mosphere in which the whole community is involved. Yours sincerely, TONY SALTER. Managing Director, Nexus Media, Warwick Hise,

Wednesday Can Alec Stewart, above, lift England's spirits for the third Test in Adelaide against Australia in ten days' time? Alan Lee and John Woodcock report Thursday With the all-conquering Springboks taking on England at Twickenham

What does Lennox Lewis

have in store for Evander

Holyfield in their forth-

coming world heavy-weight title bout? The

war of words began when the two met in Mad-

ison Square Garden

Tomorrow

on Saturday, what plans does Clive Woodward have to stop them? Saturday Match by match guide to

Premiership football plus Danny Baker, Robert Rims and Alyson Rudd

Brave Irish find South Africa equal to the task

South Africa.

FROM MARK SOUSTER

NOW only England stand between South Africa, a grand-slam tour and that world record of 18 consecutive international victories, which for all their protestations to the contrary must be hanging like a millstone around their necks. This is their chance to make a piece of history that is unlikely to be matched and, understandably, they want to

grasp it. Should they achieve that tandmark at Twickenham on Saturday, at the tail end of a physically and mentally tiring year in which they are having to rely increasingly on moments of inspiration as well as their legendary will to win, they deserve every accolade that will be heaped upon

Even now, to have equalled the record set by New Zealand between 1965 and 1970 in only t5 months is a feat that deserves admiration. As Gary Teichmann, the captain, said: "We would have hated to have got to 16 and blown it at Lansdowne Road."

Their defeat of Ireland, in a match that crackled with physcial intensity but only fleetingly threatened to erupt into violence, followed a pattern that has become familiar on their tour, one in which opponents have proved unable to turn territorial domination and possession into points.

punished ruthlessly.
For Murrayfield last week

read Lansdowne Road on Saturday. For all their endeavour. commitment and determination, epitomised by a corruscating performance by Keith Wood, Ireland do not have the players blessed with sufficient speed, power and natural instinct to turn a game in a trice: South Africa did in Bobby Skinstad and Joost van der Westhuizen. Skinstad, in particular, is threatening to become the game's next super-star. They might be having to adapt their game to accommodate him, but his contribution was again immense.

Ireland's problem is not unique but reflects a general-malaise in Britain. Ireland defended manfully, but the fact that they spent 29 minutes of the first half in South Africa territory yet only emerged with six points, from two penalty goals kicked by Eric Elwood, illustrates the point. They created chances but could not take them.

Nick Mallett, the South Africa coach, said of Ireland's inability to move the ball: They only did so once. They do not have the athletes who can exploit broken play like South Africa. We have individuals who can do things. That is the difference. We have opportunities, we take them. Opposition have dominated us but not taken their chances."

Ireland's ball from set-pieces was untidy and painfully slow at times. They rarely generated momentum and when they did, the poor quality of

DETAILS FROM LANSDOWNE ROAD

By GERALD DAVIES

NEIL JENKINS is going

through a really good patch.

He has always been an impor-tant figure for his club but, last

week, he managed to invest

himself with a similar authori-

ty for his country against

Argentina. Once more, on Sat-

urday, he was in commanding

It hardly needs to be said

that he made a substantial con-

tribution with his kicking at

goal, succeeding with six of the

eight chances that came his

way. His successes were four

conversions and two penaloes

More illuminating is the quality of his distribution of

the ball - the accuracy of his

passing and the precision of

his timing brought out the best

of those around him. There

were short passes to Geraint Lewis or Manhew Lloyd, and

particularly Dale McIntosh

on his inside or outside

Dafydd James and Steele

Lewis, at the receiving end in

the centre, were given time to

judge what they could do next.

and were rarely put under pressure. Kevin Morgan, the

shoulder.

from a variety of angles.

Jenkins rewrites script

full back, was made to reach

out for the ball at top speed as

Jenkins chose his moment

and his player. Either stand-

ing still or running, his distri-

bution was a joy to watch. No

one does this kind of thing bet-

ter. He was indeed pivotal; the

team's movement centred

In this way, he helped Pon-

typridd to race to a 15-point

lead in almost as many min-

utes. The match was played at

a pace that looked to be

beyond Neath, but this proved

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be deceptive. The visitors

decided to take up the challenge and, in the final 20

minutes of the first half,

showed that they, too, could play in much the same way.

did not have the consistent

power at forward nor anyone

with the vital cutting thrust to

win the points. It was left to

Jenkins for the home team to

add to the scoreboard with

another penalty before the

around the "tried hard, willing

to have a go" type. But the home learn had the greater

Neath's game was based

interval.

But, much as they tried, they

he entered the line.

around him.

their stride. Conor McGuinness, the

scrum half, was a picture of indecision. One four-minute period in the final quarter, with Ireland battering at the South Africa line, was a case in point. Ireland had three set scrums and two tapped penalties and perhaps could have been awarded a penalty try. On each occasion, McGuinness simply shipped the ball out without imagination. His kicking, too, was inaccurate and gifted South Africa possession. But it was not all gloom. As

expected, the Ireland pack was aggressive and confrontational without losing its discipline, and the back row worked tirelessly. Credit can also be drawn from the manner in which they regrouped after conceding 17 points in seven Skinstad-inspired minutes at the start of the second half. They hit back to score a try through Wood and thereafter restricted South Africa to one penalty goal. A year ago, an Ireland team would have The damage had been done

by the salvo that snuffed out Ireland's hopes of winning after they turned around only 7-6 down. Once the game opened up, the Springboks produced the type of sustained, fluid continuity that has been their hallmark and once again they showed how devastating they can be in broken play. From a maul 40 metres out, Skinstad checked inside Elwood before beating O'Shea on the outside with a blistering turn of pace. Two minutes later he looked likely to repeat the feat, but once he was tackled, Honiball kept the move alive and he had the strength and vision to put Van der Westhuizen away.

Ireland should not be downcast. From the summer, they have closed the gap on South Africa, but Donal Lenihan, the manager, put their progress in perspective. "We have been in the situation before when we have had good one-off performances," he said. "The players are starting to believe in themselves, but we are going to have to start winning these

firepower in most of the criti-

cal areas. Matthew Lloyd

probed constantly from the

back row and was rewarded

with a couple of tries. When

the home team decided that

they should widen their point

of attack, they had the speed of

Morgan and Wyart, who each

scored a try, to make their

This was a confident

performance from Pontypridd

which, for any club in Wales,

is not easy to achieve in such a

disrupted season, where so

SCORING SEQUENCE: 5-0, 12-0, 15-0, 18-0, (half-time), 25-0, 32-0, 37-0, 44-0, 44-7

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efforts tell.



Wood, who had an outstanding match, bursts through to the South Africa line for

Wood shows no signs of splintering

John Hopkins on a resilient hooker who thrives on the perils of combat

before others bury him. In Dublin on Saturday he gave another of those performances that make him unique among hookers in rugby today. Wood was immense. heroic, a man whose playing style sends shivers down the spine of those who watch him. Spectators all over the world have gasped at Wood's courage, are in awe of his energy. shudder at the impact of his collisions, avert their eyes as he sets off on another suicide mission and hurls himself at the opposition without, seemingly, a thought for his own

It is not much fun being a hooker. You spend a lot of time with your arms around the necks of burly team-mates and your face is always just a few feet from the muddy turf. At any minute you can have your head speared into the ground by the enormous forces generated by the 15 men scrummaging around you.

Fly halves are the classical frail men in a rugby team. They are slight, lithe, darting. but at least they can use their arms, their feet, their brains. to defend themselves. The front rows of scrums are the coalface of rugby and down there, in the darkness, who knows what goes on?

The hooker does not have an arm to protect himself. At a scrum, a hooker's is the most defenceless of the three frontrow positions, perhaps the most defenceless position in the entire team. Hookers have their eyes gouged, their teeth their testicles smashed. grabbed,

If you know a hooker, you know a man who may, though not necessarily so, be small and stocky and has few of his own teeth. His spirit will be indomitable. He will be one of the most combative of all men. Rugby history has shown us that these are qualities that make hookers outstanding leaders. Remember Eric Evans, Sean Fitzpatrick, John Pullin, Bryn Meredith, Phil Kearns?

Now meet Wood, a robust

Coventry rue profligacy

LET US praise Keith Wood. a witty tongue. A few years before others bury him. In ago, a journalist attending a Harlequins game watched a bald-headed man careering around the field and observed: "That chap looks like a fatter version of Lee Hurst.""That's Woody," a colleague replied. "He's funnier

than Lee Hurst." A better rugby player, too. The hooker's art, which may or may not be a black one, is complicated. He must make absolutely sure of winning his own ball and must strike for the opposition's. He must disrupl their put-in. Then he must be able to launch the throw-in at a line with pinpoint accuracy. Wood did all these against South Africa with skill.

Watching Wood as he sin-gle-handedly pounded the South Africans was Ciaran Fitzgerald, a former Ireland hooker. With his ruddy, smiling face, a homely sweater and a nondescript coat, be wore none of the trappings of a former captain of freland and the British Lions. He, too, had marvelled at Wood's zest for physical contact.

That's Woody's style, Fitzgerald said, smiling. "He is a world-class forward, very physical. One wonders how good he could be in a worldclass team?

Wood is Ireland's talisman. The Irish officials thought about replacing him with 20 minutes remaining. What happened? He scored a try. "He brings an enthusiasm to the side," Paddy Johns, the Ireland captain, said. "He is a great support to me. His presence encourages everyone else.

When Wood eventually left the field with a few minutes remaining he hobbled off, slowly, and clambered up to his seat. As he did so, half the stand on the railway side of Lansdowne Road rose to its feet to applaud.

He gave a half-wave, totally subconsciously. It was his sbortest, least demonstrative. safest move of an afternoon. Once again Wood had been remarkable. He is a national

After dominating the first

quarter. Coventry took a

deserved lead when Kevin

Whitley, the lock, drove over

from a tapped penalty. Luis

Criscuolo stretched their lead

with a penalty four minutes

into the second half, but Bed-

ford replied with a try by

James Hinkins, the left wing One of the game's few flow

ing moves led to a try for Rob

Salisbury, the No 8, who was

playing his first game for Cov-

entry after his return from

Blackheath. But Coventry

were not helped when Derek

Eves, the director of rugby, got

himsell sin-binned for a punch. Paramore's late score

should ensure Bedford make

home advantage count in the

nome advantage count in the second leg. Sconers: Coventry: Tries: Whitey (81) Penalty goals: Coventry: Tries: Whitey (18mm) Salerbury (61) Penalty goals: Coventry: Tries: Harken: 157) Peramore (13) Conversion: Whetesone Scoring Sequence: Iconersty Institute (13) Coventry: M. Gallander A. McAdam. J. Manchulf rep. R. Robinson: Tr. mini. M. Curti. A. Smankood L. Costupio A. Dawara R. Margan J. Scote M. Carae frep. Shari 23-40 and 60.17 Foundame. K. Whitey, L. Cools: R. Sulcavoy: O. Ewed (sn-bn. 75-63)

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Band plays on as Orrell are sunk

Orrell...

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

just on the field. The financially stricken Lancashire outfit has applied for the administrator to take over the running of the club, whose debt was mirrored by the debit column that was run up at Heywood Road vesterday.

many weeks are without With bigger concerns trou-bling them, Orrell paid a heavy price for fielding an In 12 days' time, Pontypridd play Stade Français in the European Cup. It is only then. understrength side in the Chelpresumably, that they will be able to tell how good they realtenham and Gloucester Cup first round. Many of the first team were apparently being saved for an important Allied SCORERS: Pontypridd: Tries: O McIntosh (6mms), Klorgan 2 (9, 68), M Lloyd 2 (44, 52), G Wydit (65) Conventions: N Jentens 4 Penaltes N Jentens 2 (18, 40) Neetit: Try: M Morgan (74) Conversion; M McCarthy Dunbar Premiership second division fixture against Water-

loo on Saturday week. Sale, themselves weakened by international calls, can afford to take the compedion more seriously. The first division side scored eleven tries. five of them by Tom Beim. the England wing, and in the process. left the band, which celebrated each score with a few bars of a German drinking song, tired and emotional.

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prove a point, began the pro-cession in the fifth minute when his mazy running tied Orrell in knots. Not that the first half was entirely one-sided. Newton showed one or two neat touches at scrum half and Liptrot got Orrell on the board with the last kick of the half, before exhaustion got the better of them and Sale polished up their finishing.

As well as six conversions and a penalty. Steve Davidson scored two tries, the second a 70-metre interception of Liptrot's pass during a rare Orrell attack. Man Moore roamed in off his wing to claim two tries, but played sec-ond fiddle to the predatory and quicksilver Beim.

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son. A 7-4 loss to Cardiff Dev-

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only for Cardiff to restore their

Only a late try, by Junior Paramore, the No 8, which

BY MARK BALDWIN Cheltenham and Gloucester Cup was created last year to provide clubs with light relief from the pressures of league rugby as well as

Coventry

Bedford.

much-needed income on international weekends. Yesterday. at Coundon Road, however, was another grim day for Bed-ford with the Allied Dunbar Premiership One strugglers losing to Coventry, of the second division, in a first round, first leg tie. Both these clubs have experienced financial problems in re-

try, with seven victories from II matches, are in the upper echelons of premiership two. Bedford, with just two cague wins this season, are in dire need of a confidence boost, especially after this uninspiring performance in-which they struggled to con-trol whatever possession they could obtain. Last year, when they were promoted. Bedfurd beat Coventry 77-3.

was converted by Ben Whetstone, denied Coventry the sort of winning margin that

might have given them more air and sea until we are hope in the second leg al Goldington Road next Sunday.

The bizarre invitation by Keith Fairbrother, the Coventry chairman, to Don King, the boxing promoter, to become the club's parron and King's equally bizarre acceptance had allowed this match to be billed as a possible confrontation between the American and his courtroom opponent Frank Warren, the owner of Bedford. Neither were present, how-

ever, although King offered a message of instruction to the Covenity players in the match programme with the words: as Churchill once said, we will fight them on the beaches,

cent times, but at least Coven-

Scottish Eagles missing Dopson

By Norman de Mesquita

three-goal margin by the sec-It was an intense encounter

with Man Hoffman and Mike MacWilliam coming to hlows after only 45 seconds; a carryover from the last rime these teams met. Two more tussles punctuated the first period and a fourth, early in the third, saw Mark Muntanari and Frank Evans ejected. The win kept Cardiff in contention for the league, in third place

with games in hand of Manchester Storm and Nottingham Panthers, while the Eagles are in seventh place

with unly Sheffield Steelers

below them. The Steelers are having a dreadful season and, although they outshot Bracknell Bees 40-38, found Brian Greer in the Bracknell goal too good for them and lost 3-0. It was the Steelers eighth defeat in 12 games and only the second

time they have failed to score at home in their eight-year existence Nottingham Panthers beat

Newcastle Riverkings 7-4 to move to within four points of Manchester at the top. A goal hehind after one period, the Panthers scored six times in the second to put the game out of Newcastle's reach. Greg Hadden and Jamie Leach each scored twice but their man-ol-the-match was Jeff Da-Costa, who assisted on four of the seven goals. The John Cullen comeback

story is over. The Tampa Bay Lightning centre, who missed alt of last season while battling cancer, announced his retirement on Friday, Cullen, 34, remains an assistant coach.

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itagene replied "He's furnir THE art of the possible is what England will concentrate on this week. That art was encapsulated in the 36 seconds it took them to score the only try of their meeting with Aus-Tralia at Twickenham on Saturday, which demonstrated the ability 10 break even the ster-nest of defences when the correct decisions are taken and

England did not deserve to win the Lloyds TSB international, or remove the Cook Cup from Australia's grasp where it has nestled since its inception in the summer of 1997 because, all too often, their basics are fallible, never more so than when the ball goes wide. Yet the disappointment of losing a game they could have won will make them the harder to beat when South Africa come calling for their grand slam this weekend.

They will have to tweak their starting XV if a scan on Paul Grayson's left knee this morning confirms ligament damage; they will want to restore Will Greenwood if his groin problem has eased because Phil de Glanville, a giant defensively against Australia, adds nothing to the attack. They will look very hard at the left wing where Austin Healey had a less than memorable match but, in contrast to where they had been six days earlier against Italy, England have cause for congratulation.

This Australian team has gored 56 tries in 13 internanonals during 1998, nine of them against New Zealand and South Africa, and conceded only 16. Admittedly the bonus of the past nine days has been victories against France and England achieved in the absence of eight frontranked players, but that degree of success engenders immense confidence.

It is precisely the quality England lack, on the back of their modest record. "We have to be more clinical, we knocked ball on at crucial times, we have to be more confident,"Tim Rodber, in an honest appraisal of a stop-start game, said. Rodber himself riad little ground for complaint: his transformation from No 8 to an international lock took a substantial step forward and justified Clive Woodward's experiment.

Indeed the only reservation about the pack is the ability to make the gain line from the scrum. It puts a query over



Gregan, left, is pushed aside by Dallaglio but, ultimately, the Australian left Twickenham with a smile on his face as his team narrowly won

significance. You could simpli-

fy this game by describing it as

hanging on two kicks - the one Catt missed and the one

replaced the injured Grayson

Lawrence Dallaglio's ability in the pick-up and drive from No 8. particularly against a defence in which Stephen Larkham plays a leading role. Larkham, like Henry Honiball, of South Africa, is prepared to cover the channels close to the scrums from fly half and then cover wide in the unlikely event of the forthright centres, Nathan Grey and Daniel Herbert, missing their

But, as England showed with ten minutes of the match remaining, when they put their multi-phase game together effectively, it will-work. had kicked his third penalty goal, England recovered the Healey sent Matt Perry into overdrive. Darren Garforth supported and when Chris Latham stopped him five metres out, Matt Dawson and Mike Catt found Jeremy

Guscott and the defence was of the ball in midfield lacked broken.

The point about Guscott's 24th international try is that all the parts worked: quick ball, good decision-making and commitment from Perry, good hands. All too often Perry changes course and his work with his wings, as a back-three unit, is indifferent: Healey was too often caught in two minds and the movement

he began to pose the questions that Larkham asked of England: the instinctive qualities **DETAILS FROM TWICKENHAM** SCORING SECRETCE England Series

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he brings to fly-half play can break the game in a way that the security required. In so Grayson will not.
But when Guscon scored his taut a match, too, singular moments acquire enormous

try, Catt needed to land the conversion to put England four points clear. From halfway out, on the wrong side for a right-footed locker, he could not. "That kept the door open," Eales said and Catt, umusually testy when asked about the kick, probably knows it. Therefore, when Neil Back was penalised for playing the ball in the tackle — a harsh decision by Paul Honiss who managed the game as a whole well arms were a saw rather than needing to score a try.

Both sides were allowed a bit of time to play the ball, which is the southern-hemisphere style and I quite like it," Dallaglio said. On this occasion Back was wrapped up by
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possible, it was not fast enough for the New Zealand referee, but it remains testimony to the Australian captain that he took the opportunity. Eales had seen his side per-

form poorly at the lineout in the first half, beaten for possession in the loose time and again, and inhibited in the back line where only once was a decoy move tried and succeeded — the period in which Joe Roff showed both his strength and speed, as well as his footballing ability. But Australia squeezed errors out of England and retained their

No one more than their can tain who, with 77 minutes of graft behind him, kept nerves of steel. Eales had kicked three goals from four attempts and this last, 41 metres from England's posts, was by no means the easiest. Yet the ball soared between the uprights and Aus-

all beatable," he insisted on

Saturday night. Then, using a

phrase that runs like a mantra

through so many British sports, Guscott added: "We've

just got to believe it. England

today were as good as Austral-

ia. Maybe their performance was more controlled, but we

had the chance, we just have to

went when John Eales, a lead-

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penalties that his team has conceded in the last two games. The count on Saturday was 19-9 and it is very

This issue, coupled with the problems Phil Kearns was having hitting his lineout jumpers, or even throwing it in straight, did not allow any opportunity for Australia or the match to get going. In fact, due to these two problems, Australia had to play a lot of the match

with constant brilliance for England, was the first to admire the composure and the perfect technique of the being blown at the lineout Australia captain. "It was absolutely perfect," Andrew enthused, "and yet we [England] should have won. marginal it should be left We have to take these teams, throwing it in, unless they Australia and next Saturday South Africa, when they come here at the end of tours in November. Over there in inches on the wrong side? If it is close to the tryline and the

submit an outline plan **MICHAEL**

team at the end of a very successful season, the other aiming to put to rest a record defeat the last time the two sides met and prove that they are a force in world rugby. So what did we end up

with? Well, to be perfectly bonest, it wasn't a great same. What we got was a battle. The defence was enormous from both sides. England tackled well above themselves; in fact, in the tackled about two stones above themselves, as that was the difference in size between the two sets of three-quarters

Australia will now go home and put their feet up in the knowledge that they are well on track for the World Cup next year. England proved that they all have big hearts and, yes, they are a competitive side. What they are not, at present, is a winning one.

I was privileged and honoured to be invited into the Australian inner sanctum on Saturday to present the captain's jumper to John Eales and give a little talk to the boys. It is an initiative that has been started this year and was a wonderful experience. I never thought I would be back in the Wallaby meeting room

addressing the team before a big game. But there I was, standing in front of the boys. again feeling as nervous as any of

Their performance on Saturday was one of a team that has one foot on the plane home after five months and 13 internationals together. They did coough to survive but one issue. which must be concerning Rod McQueen, their coach, is the mumber of blow for a

difficult to play rugby when one is

being continually thwarted by not only the opposition, but also the referee's whistle. I am not suggesting that the referee was right or wrong, but the team must learn to play within the laws and not give soft possession to the opposition.

without the ball. I don't know about you. but I am getting very frustrated with the whistle for crooked throws. If it is alone, particularly when it is in midfield. The team are a bunch of midgets, are going to win the ball, so why blow up for the sake of six



throw comes in crooked, then give the whistle a workout, but for goodness sake give it a rest in the other areas of the pitch. Also, I wish the hookers would do their bit and try to get it right. What do England have to

do get into the winner's circle? Quite a lot, is the

answer. Firstly, I was alarmed to learn that Clive Woodward does not have any overall game-plan. It looked like it. The England players seemed to be willing to try different things, but they were doing it randomly, and when that didn't work, appeared lost as to what to do next. It is all very well for Woodward to say that he wants players

who are physically tough, fast and good ball-handlers making decisions for themselves. depending on what the opposition is doing. Wouldn't we all! I am all for this, but you

> players capable of have to have some overall framework as to what the team is trying to achieve. Telling players to run fast, tackle hard and handle the ball well is not

good enough. England also seem to be more concerned about stopping the opposition than getting on with the game. Neil Back and Lawrence

Dallaglio played a big part in denying Australia crucial quick possession when tries were on. Great stuff if you can get away with it, but not a great recipe for a free-flowing affair. England

did well in winning the try count, but one must have more in mind than stopping the opposition scoring. It is only half the story. England can win against South Africa next Saturday.

They won't have a better chance to beat the world champions, who are fallible as Wales showed. South Africa have equalled the world record for successive international wins and, like Australia, are ending a long and demanding season. If England can pick themselves up off the floor they could actually sneak home. England let a golden opportunity to beat a southern hemisphere nation slip by on Saturday and it is not often that you get a

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Guscott's appetite worth its weight in gold

man terms, it makes no sense. The Australians, with only a third of the population of Britain, made off into the night at Twickenham with the crystal that we thought this time might have been ours. Never mind the lightfall of wickets Down Under, our men in white were standing up to the assumed Australian sporting might rather well until a combination of a missed English conversion and an immaculate late Australia penalty goal cruelly snatched the Cook Cup.

Australia had appeared weary at Twickenham, yet summoned just enough to get their noses in front It was a small, but significant observation from Rod Macqueen, their coach, that suggested that we at least share human characteristics. David Wilson. the Australia flanker, would not be available for postmatch interviews. Macqueen told us, because he was catching a night flight back to Queensland to see his new aby daughter.

Wilson had just passed the milestone of his countryman, Simon Poidevin, in becoming the most capped Australia flanker. Poidevin's 59 appearances for his country were spanned over II years, but Wilson has accumulated 60 appearances in just six years - and this in an era of unprec-

edented physical ferocity. The Australians should have been tired at the end of an arduous season. But they are players catapulted now into the professional era, and with debts higher than the new West Stand at Twickenham, the administrators keep piling on the international matches. Why, then, should we wonder and then we won-der why the élan, the relish, the edge has gone out of so

many players?
Australia, second only to
South Africa when it comes to rugby union, did not counterattack here as they had the previous week in France. England did not disappoint, as they apparently had against Italy the previous Sunday. The sparkle comes and goes when Rob Hughes reflects on significant events that happened on and

off the pitch on Saturday afternoon

which perhaps is beyond the resources of the game, is

Be thankful then that Jeremy Guscott still has the zest, the hunger to chase the pain and the glory. He scored England's — and the game's only try on Saturday. He was spark of inspiration, and, as

the pressure, the demands to he is 33 years of age, we need to nurse those qualities, to fund a professional status protect his health and enthusiasm at least until the World Cup a year from now.

Guscott can relate to the frustration and distress that Wilson may have endured as, being a vital part of the British Isles' historic tour of South Africa 18 months ago, he was thousands of miles from home the playmaker, the one true when his wife gave birth. He produced the exquisite kick



Guscott goes over for his try at Twickenham on Saturday

that won the second interna- southern hemisphere sides are tional match against the Springboks in Durban, but afterwards was like a limp rag around the team hotel morose and pining for home.

To keep such a man interested, to persuade him back from long and significant injury. and to encourage him through adverse moments is the task of Clive Woodward, the England coach. Halfway through the first half on Saturday, when Guscott took wing for the first time, his path was crushingly stopped by three towering opponents in green and gold; almost 50 stone slapped Guscott to ground. Yet, when the moment of opportunity came in the second half, when the dashing run of Perry and the force of Garforth had opened up Australia's defence, Guscott, with his precious tim-

ing, was there to cross the line. He is almost alone among English players, and with his option of co-hosting Gladiators with Ulrika Jonsson, he could surely walk away at any moment. What sustains him? "The

June, we've no chance." Scotland thrive in unfamiliar role

Scotland..... Portugal.....11 BY ALASDAIR REID

Murrayfield to hear a ripple of sympathetic applause as 15 plucky underdogs stage a late revival, salvaging honour from hefty defeat. The novelty on Saturday was that the beneficiaries of the audience's compassion were not Scotland, but Portugal, who averted the possibility of a whitewash with a

IT IS a familiar theme around

try, a penalty and a dropped goal as the match wound its ed game at Twickenham on way to its utterly inevitable conclusion.

qualifying tournament format that permits two sides to progress from each group of three, they fielded an understrength side against Scot-land, holding back some of their best players for an all-or-

In fairness, the game would probably have been no less of a turkey shoot had Portugal fielded a full-strength side. They conceded their first try, after 75 seconds, before they had even touched the ball, and it was only the tiredness of Scotland's forwards in the final quarter that let the Portuguese register their involvement by putting some points on the board. A little more menace on the part of the Scots and the total would have passed one hundred.

The 85 points Scotland scored was four short of their record 89, set against Ivory Coast three years ago. It was, though, a record tally on home soil, and the pitiful nature of the opposition should not



Logan: scored two tries

obscure the fact that Scotland only the rhythm of the scores were admirably efficient in their achievement of it. "People should remember it was an international match, not a bounce match," Jim Telfer, the Scotland coach, said.

Telfer praised his players -"as good as any I have worked with" — for their sense of purpose throughout. Tom Smith, the British Isles prop, was in rumbustious form, and the finishing of Jamie Mayer, who scored three tries, Gregor Townsend, John Leslie and Kenny Logan, who each scored two, was of the highest

The crowd, however, was possibly the lowest for a Murraylicki international, a reflection of the political turmoil in the Scottish game. Just 5,961 came to watch, and

came towatch," Telfer said. "If there are problems, it isn't to do with the players."

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Wright set to assume control

HARVEY WRIGHT, the Scottish Rugby Union's senior vice-president, is expected soon to be named as interim chairman of the union's executive board later this week, after the announcement on Saturday evening that Dun-can Paterson will step down

from the post on Friday.
Wright is widely seen as as a safe pair of hands to lead the union's leading decision-making body at a time of unprecedented turmoil and division in the Scottish game. Although no announcement has yet been made, it is underttood that his candidacy was approved at a meeting at Murrayfield on Friday between senior union figures and representatives of Scotland's

three club associations. Paterson finally gave in to pressure that had mounted By Alasdair Reid

against him in recent weeks against a backdrop of growing debt - the union's overdraft now stands at around £17 million — and the per-ceived failure of the two-district strategy that he had driven through earlier this year. His resignation from the ex-

ecutive board was announced in a statement issued at Murrayfield after the match against Portugal on Saturday. It did not, however, specify, whether he would also step down from the union's general committee, the elected ruling body of Scottish rugby, although sources suggest that he will. Closely associated with the British League working party, it is understood that he will not now attend its meeting in Manchester today.

Welsh rugby chiefs are set to investigate serious drug abuse allegations made yesterday by J. P. R. Williams, the former Wales and British

Isles full back. "It is fairly well recognised that certain players have been on anabolic steroids and haven't been tested," be told The Sunday Times.
"I know of two players in

Wales who are still regularly playing, and have played at in-ternational level. I have had it confirmed by the two ☐ Yorkshire won their first colts county championship for five years in a tightly-contest-

Saturday. A try by Simon How much sympathy the Spears, the Pontefract wing, Portuguese actually deserved, converted by Phil Jones, gave them a 13-11 advantage over however, is open to question. Encouraged by a World Cup North Midlands.

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Edward Gorman on a British sailor who surpassed all expectations

Jubilant MacArthur joins elite

ELLEN MacArthur, the new heroine of Briosh short-handed sailing, made it to the finish of the Route du Rhum at Pointà-Pitre on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe on Saturday evening to finish an extraordinary fifth overall in the monohull fleet. This was a better ranking than she could have dreamt of; she heat eight of the 13 60-footers after setting out in her 50ft Kingfisher. and won her own four-strong class with consummate ease.

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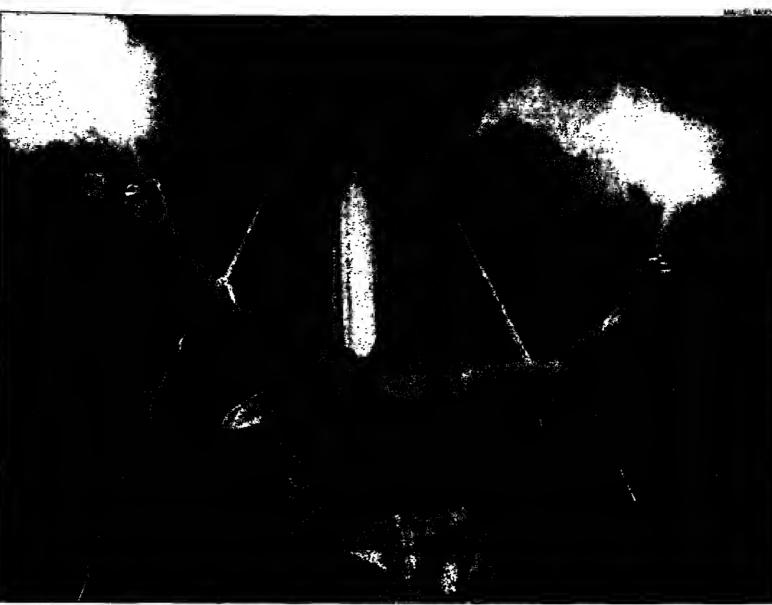
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More importantly her performance in this race - she was also the first foreigner to finish and the first woman and the resourcefulness she showed in overcoming significant technical obstacles, establishes the 22-year-old as an exceptional single-handed racing sailor. MacArthur's dream of winning the next Vendée Globe round-theworld race in 2000 could become reality.

After an agonising last couple of days into the finish when the wind died almost to nothing around the coast of Guadeloupe, MacArihur finally brought Kingfisher ghosting across the line in heavy rain and darkness, but with the applause of thousands ringing in her ears. Her time for the 4,000-mile Atlantic crossing from St Malo put her two days behind the monohull winner, Thomas Coville, of France, in Aquitoine Innovations. But the nearest threat to her on the water, Philippe Monnet in the 60, Uunet, was still 140 miles from the finish when Kingfisher reached the dockside. Her nearest rival in Class 2 for 50s, Luc Coquelin in Multicap Gamelin, was more than 300 miles behind.

"I never really knew how I was going to do in relation to the 60s, and I'm pleased with how it's come off," MacArthur said yesterday, still thrilled by the sheer elation of finishing. "It was hard for me to know how I was going to do because I've never raced against a 60 hefore in a 50, nor on my own. So it was quite difficult to get a balance on how things were going to go.

But after the first few position reports I began to realise that this really could happen and then you just push - you have to make a decision that that's what you are going to do



MacArthur, weary, nursing injuries, but ecstatic, is illuminated by flares after finishing the Route du Rhum in Guadeloupe on Saturday

set up early in the race during a week of fearsome gales as the fleet set off to windward across the Bay of Biscay. In those conditions Kingfisher, formerly Aqua Quorum, was able to hold her own against the bigger boats. But her early top ten overall ranking was also testament to MacArthur's relentless hard-driving in seas that tested other more experienced skippers to the limit and forced several early retire-

The other key feature of her race was the way in which MacArthur managed to stabi-lise Kingfisher's keel when a hydraulic failure midway MacArthur's success was across the Atlantic left it swing-

ing freely and dangerously under the boat. To begin with her running repair locked the keel off along the centre line of the boat. But it was not long before this restless young sailor had found a way of inching it to one side or other to eke out as much speed from Kingfisher as possible.

This underlines Mac-Arthur's extraordinary competitiveness. Her e-mails from the boat were full of ambition to go as fast as possible despite physical discomfort and gear failure. She damaged her leg on the foredeck and took a fingers and hands were covered in cuts and salt sores than enough to justify her

while the boat itself represented an extra challenge for not having roller-furling gear on the headsails. There were also occasional power problems and the inevitable torn sails.

Reflecting on the race as a whole, MacArthur pinpointed the advent of the keel problem as the worst moment. "It was a pretty serious situation - no hydraulics at all," she said. There was nothing I could do about it at the time and from a race point of view, it was definitely a moment when I felt I was not going to be able to

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ambition for the Vendée Globe for which she needs £1.5 million to build her own 60. In France — the dominant country in single-handed sailing she has become a household name through her prominent presence in daily televisioo and radio coverage of the

Route du Rhum. The girl from rural Derbyshire has provoked comparisons with some of the great modern French single-handers. Leading sailing commentators in France, like Christian Fevrier, are still making them. We've had Florence Arthaud e Route du Rhum Autissier lat present racing in the Around Alone]. We desperately needed someone else and now we've found her in Ellen," said shortly after MacArthur finished on Satur-

Naturally, MacArthur her-self is feeling a little more confident about her chances of gelting to the start of the Vendée now and in a boat capable of winning that ultimate single-

"Nothing has happened during this race to change my plans though I think I am pretty realistic about how hard it's going to be. But nothing's easy MacArthur has done more in 1980] and we've had Isabelle do it," she said, repeating her

HOCKEY

Nicholson hat-trick as champions close in

By CATHY HARRIS

IT may not have been a convincing performance but a hat-trick by the England and Slough striker, Mandy Nicholson, was enough to steer the premier division champions to a 3-0 win against Doncaster as the teams moved into the winter break.

An excellent victory over Leicester on Saturday and yesterday's win at Southgate steered the title-holders to a weekend double and withio three points of the leaders. Ipswich. But as Slough's captain, Sue Chandler, admitted earning six points was crucial for the squad who were missing several key players. "It certainly wasn't a classic

and the result flattered us," she said. "But considering we haven't played well this seawere forced to take responsibility, we're extremely relieved to come away with the

With the veteran, Karen Brown, ruled out until after Christmas with concussion, the Irish international, Sarah Kelleher, involved in provincial matches and the former Springbok, Ashleigh Wallace, in Cape Town after a family bereavement, it took Slough 48 mioutes to break the deadlock against Doncaster.
Nicholson made the most of

a good advantage played by the umpire to opened ber account and doubled Slougb's lead from a double switched penalty corner 15 minutes later. Chandler set up the third, initiating a sweeping counter-attack from deep inside her own half and after Fiona Greenham and Lesley Hobley combined to find Nicholson, she then rounded the goalkeeper to finish off the best move in the final minute of the contest.

Two goals against Olton by Sarah Bamfield belped lpswich extend their unbeaten run and Tina Cullen scored the only goal of the game for Hightown against Doncaster as the Merseysiders moved into the top four for the first time. Woking of the second division, boast the ly 100 per cent record Joanne Murphy scored a hattrick against St Albans.

Williams' exit sees Southgate lose lead

By Sydney Friskin

SOUTHGATE lost a 2-0 lead yesterday and went down 3-2 at home to Canterbury, who stay on top of the National League premier division by virtue of a show of patience and

About midway through the second half Williams, the Southgate captain, was suspended for a questionable tackcontrary to widespread belief that he was not the man responsible. While he was off, Canterbury scored twice. transforming a 2-1 deficit into a winning lead under the influence of Kerly, their player manager, who came on as a second-half substitute.

In the last five minutes Canterbury's goal was under heavy siege, with Southgate failing to put three shots from short corners past Triggs in the Canterbury goal. The home side's goals were scored by Williams in the eleventh minute from a short corner, with Shaw adding the second goal with a brilliant shot seven

Matthews won the match for Canterbury with a goal from a short corner in the 54th minute, having scored their first goal six minutes before the interval. Their other goal was netted by Hollingworth in the 52nd minute. Cannock moved into second

position with a 3-2 away victory over East Grinstead. Crutchley scored the winning goal three minutes before the end to add to earlier goals by Parnham from a short corner, and Kalbir Takher. Cabay and Head replied for East Grinstead.

Reading dropped to sixth position after a 2-2 draw at home against Old Loughtonians. although Robert Todd secured them a point with an equalising goal three minutes before the end. England's entry for the

Champions' Trophy tournament at Brisbane, Australia, in June next year was confirmed on Saturday by the International Federation (IHF) in Brussels. They had withdrawn from the twentieth tournament of the series recently held in in Pakistan, for security

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The 1999 Daily Bridge Calendar has a problem for each day of the year. The hands are about the difficulty level of my Refresher series of articles. Here is an old chestnut, chosen by Ron Klinger for October 16th. Try covering up the West and South hands and test your defence as East.

Dealer East	Game all	IMP
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Contract: One No-Trump by South. Lead: three of spader East plays the jack of spades monds and concede a diaat trick one which is won by declarer's king. Declarer leads the three of diamonds.

dummy. How should East plan the defence? East let dummy's queen of diamonds hold. If South began with only two diamonds, that would nullify the value of dummy's diamood length. Declarer at the table returned to hand with a club and repeated the diamond finesse. East captured the jack with the king of diamonds and returned a spade. Declarer won, crossed to the ace of clubs and cashed the

eight from West, queen from

the diamonds did not break, he had only eight tricks. Had East taken the first diamond, declarer would have been all right. South would win the spade return, cash the ace and jack of dia-

ace of diamonds but when

mond to East. The ace of clubs is the entry to dummy's extra diamond winner - the ninth trick.

To make Three No-Trumps, South should play a low diamond from both hands at trick two. South wins any return and then plays a diamond to the queen. This play caters to any 4-2 or 3-3 diamond break. Whether East takes this or ducks, declarer sets up the extra diamond winner and uses the ace of clubs as the entry to dummy.
The Calendar is available

at £15.50 including postage from Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley GU21 2TH: tel 01483 489961.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OKIMONO ROSCIUS a. A dressing-gown

b. An ornament

c. A nursery maid

PLUNDERBUND

b. Booty

a. A corrupt alliance

a. Dewy b. An actor c. Authority on rowing

RUMPY a. Bad behaviour b. Yorkshire toffee c. A chicken without a tail

Answers oo page 50



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Wrexham

The Owens Corning grandmaster tournament at Wrexham is one of the strongest annual fixtures in the UK. This year's event was won jointly by Stellan Brynell, of Sweden, and Throstur Thorhalisson, of iceland. Interestingly, the best game prize, given for today's game, featured one of the cowinners as the victim.

White: Thorhallsson Black: Webster Owens Corning Wrexham 1998 Pirc Defence

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Kasparov display

To compete in the display against Kasparov please call 0640 678884, or 1550 122 152 from outside the UK. Calls cost 60p per minute in the UK and 58p per minute outside. The lines are now open und! Saturday. The display will take place on December 16 at the Berkeley Hotel, Knights-bridge. Kasparov will face 25

tables of five people.

Those who call the hotline will have to answer a question and the lucky ten will be drawn from those who answer successfully. The Times has two of the 25 tables exclusively for our readers. Two condi-tions apply. Nobody with an ELO rating of more than 2,000 can compete, and normal Times conditions apply to this competition. The Editor's decision is final.

☐ The winning move grid on Friday referred to the 1952 Botvinnik-Keres match, not that between Mah-Vegh as published.

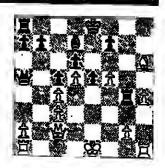
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is

from the game Donner-Por-tisch, Skopje 1972. In this classic example of Black strategy in the Nimzo-Indian Defence, Portisch destroyed the white position with a swift blow. Can you see how?





Williams maps cautious path for Teeton Mill

By Chris McGrath

ONE by one, they proved mere grist to the Mill. At Newbury on Saturday 15 of the better staying chasers in training were ground into submission by the rhythm and power of Teeton Mill, the third grey — after One Man and Suny Bay — to achieve - after One Man and eminence in the last five runnings of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Such was the brio of his performance that the ambition cherished by his connections, to win the Martell Grand National, could well become complicated by the temptation to go for the Tote Cheltenham Gold

Cup first. For now, the sponsor keeps him at 20-1 for the latter, while making him 10-1 favourite for Aintree. With the season's summits still distant. Teeton Mill will probably undertake the next stage of his journey in the Betterware Cup, at Ascot on December 19.

Though that race fell last

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARLBOROUGH (2.15 Worcester) Next best: Silk Vestments (1.45 Worcester)

Cup winner, Cool Dawn, it is hardly the most presumptuous of options — a reflection not only on the understated personal style of Teeton Mill's trainer, Venetia Williams, but also on the judicious placement that has nourished her entraordinary strike-rate. A more taxing experience in the Coral Welsh National, for instance, might stretch Teeton Mill's resources too thinly across the season; yet his opportunity in handicaps, which may prove rather brief.

would never be squandered. In this context, it is instructive to recall that Suny Bay was already rated 162 when he won the Hennessy. By con-trast, Teeton Mill ran off 139, a penalty for his reappearance success at Wincanton leaving

Cup since Le Glorieux in 1987.

at the beginning of the month. El Condor Pasa gave trainer Yoshitaka

Ninomiya his greatest moment since taking

him still 3lb short of his revised rating. He will next be raised to something like 152 still some 22lb behind Suny Bay, at 174 now the highest-rated chaser in training. "He'll go up in the region of

another 101b and is clearly scaling the rungs of the ladder at a very satisfactory rate." Christopher Mordaunt, the BHB handicapper, said yesterday. "But I would say he has at least two notches to go before we can say he's a Gold Cup horse, whereas Suny Bay immediately put himself in the Cheltenham firing line." The form of Fiddling The Facts and Boss Doyle, both

reduced to distant minor roles on Saturday, is entwined with that of last season's top novices, Escartefigue and Florida Pearl (and the latter, of course, is Gold Cup favourite). On the other hand, Eudipe. 15 lengths second, was beaten 17 lengths when third on similar going last year; and while he received 9lb from Suny Bay, on Saturday he was conceding 81b to the winner.

Clean sweep for Japan Though Istabraq was pre-dictably unmolested as he schooled round Fairyhouse BRITISH hopes were dashed in the Japan lengers. Caitano and Ungaro, were eleventh Cup yesterday as the home team enjoyed a and twelfth respectively. yesterday, a 20-1 quote from Coral against Wahiba Sands El Condor Pasa, who was having his first race over a mile and a half, has now won six of wresting away his Smurfit Champion Hurdle crown is by his seven starts. He had previously won the no means without interest grade one NHK Mile Cup in Tokyo in May, after his impressive debut for and is the first three-year-old to win the Japan Martin Pipe in the Equity Financial Collections Gerry The winning owner, Takashi Watanabe, whose racing interests extend to Britain, has en-Feilden Hurdle, on the Hennessy supporting card. He joyed an excellent year as his Offside Trap also won the autumn version of the Emperor's Cup quite magnificent beforehand.

Dato Star is 12-1 with the Tote after producing one of the credible trials of which he is periodically capable, outpacing French Holly in the Newcastle Building Society "Fighting Fifth" Hurdle.

Tecton Mill's superiority.

however, cannot be adequate-

ly expressed as a matter of

pounds and lengths. He could

always be picked out as readily for the tempo of his

gallop and assurance of his

jumping as for the colour of

his coat, Norman Williamson

easing him well before the

post. Unlike Suny Bay, he has

tactical flair and could comfort-

ably hold a position when

conditions place greater

emphasis on speed. The rains which had instead

softened the ground on Satur-

day inspired the least satisfy-

ing of public gambles on Seven Towers, who was never

travelling: Mary Reveley, his

trainer, believes he trapped a

nerve in his back jumping the

Another leading fancy to be pulled up was The Toiseach,

the 5-1 joint-second favourite.

The ground was a bit soft for

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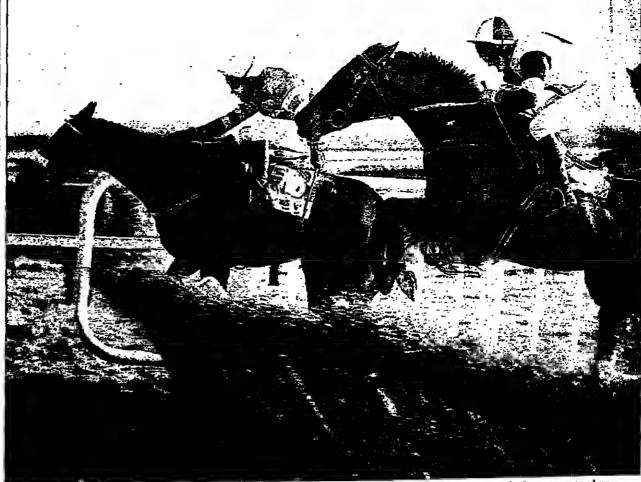
that the race came a bit quick

for him after Ascot last Satur-

day," his trainer, James Fan-shawe, said yesterday. "But

The Toiseach is fine this morn-

ing and he has eaten up."



Alexander Banquet, nearside, jumps the last flight before overhauling Cardinal Hill at Fairyhouse yesterday

Alexander Banquet wins duel

ALEXANDER BANQUET upset a gamble on Cardinal Hill in a magnificent duel for the grade one Avonmore Waterford Royal Bond Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse vesterday.

Cardinal Hill looked all over the winner when easing to the front rounding the final bend, despite having blundered five out. Paul Carberry appeared to be in control going to the last on the odds-on chance, where both Alexander Banquet and To Your Honour were under pressure behind.

But an untidy jump at the last by the fa-vourite let in Alexander Banquet, who relemilessly closed the gap under a strong drive from Ruby Walsh to lead just before the line to land the two-mile contest by a

"Cardinal Hill probably ran too free and that played into our hands," Willie Mullins, the winning trainer, said. "It FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

was a slogging match from the last and that suited Alexander Banquet, who only does what he has to. I would give the entire credit to Ruby there."

Mullins added: "I think this race showed that he will be better suited by the longer trip of the SunAlliance rather than the Supreme Novices' at Cheltenham."

Alexander Banquet will run next either at Navan before Christmas or during the Leopardstown Festival later in the month according to Mullins, who sees the horse's long-term future over fences. Walsh had an easier success aboard

Promalee for first-season trainer Frances Crowley in the Chiquita Drinmore Novice Chase, this time at the main expense of Tony McCoy's mount, Foxchapel King. Jumping and travelling well for his con-

fident 19-year-old rider, Promalee completed Walsh's 24-1 double with the minimum of fuss. Foxchapel King had looked a likely winner three out, but Walsh was taking his time and produced Promake full of running between the last two fences for a comfortable 31-length success.

Istabraq, the champion hurdler, had lit-tle difficulty in registering his twelfth success over jumps in the Avonmore Water-ford Hatton's Grace Hurdle.

Charlie Swan's mount, a 5-1 on chance, survived a rare mistake at the fourth flight, when hardly out of a canter, to de-feat Nomadic far more readily than the half-length winning margin.
Allowed his head going to the third-last,

Istabraq was never in any danger of defeat thereafter with the David Evanstrained Master Beveled weakening under pressure from Tony McCoy two out as Nomadic went second.

Dettori, finished seventh, the same position he occupied in the Melbourne Cup, while the Clive Brittain-trained Luso was last of the 15 out a licence in 1990, while the winning rider, The Canadian contender, Chief Bearhart, Ebina, 29, has been in excellent form this season and is virtually assured of the title as top was fourth, a nose ahead of the Americantrained mare Maxzene, while the German chaljockey in the Kanto area.

12.45 MUSICAL SLING (nap)

2.15 Crookedstone 2.45 Neltegrity 1.15 Gratomi 3.15 Hoodwinker 1.45 Elliewelliewoo 3.45 Wicked Imp Timekeeper's top rating: 1.15 GRATOMI.

clean sweep in the one and a half mile event in

Tokyo yesterday. El Condor Pasa, a 6-1 chance ridden by Ma-

sayoshi Ebina, won by 2½ lengths from Air Groove — runner-up for the second year in a

row - with Special Week, the 3-1 favourite, a

length and a half back in third. It was the third

time Japanese runners have filled the first

Godolphin's Faithful Son, ridden by Frankie

three places in the race's 17-year history.

GOING: HEAVY

12.45 WORCESTER RACECOURSE SHOP NOVICES HURDLE (£2,548: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Dirty Dozen, 7-2 Lucky Ross, 9-2 Caught Napping, 5-4 Musical Sting, 13-2 Another Chencer, 6-1 Ep-sito De La Ronce, 10-1 Gill'mar, 33-1 others.

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DIRTY DOZEN, in no way disgraced in a strong contest on his respotarance, should find this easier

1.15 JOIN FOR 1999 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AT WORCESTER HANDI-CAP CHASE (£3,470: 2m) (6 runners)

1 221-3F (PRATOMS 15 (D.F.B.S); (J. Pearl) P. Rochests 8-12-0 S. Fox 1778 2 11803- PRINCIPLE MUSIC 222 (6F.B.S); (A. Shuts), Miss K. Maris, 10-12-0 R. Wingor (7) 85 3 43228- Hold FLARRE 272 (6.5); (F. Have), A.H. Hancy B-11-6 J. A. Adolson's 107 4 FPL/2- NORTHERN SWIGER 424 (D.F.G.S); (J. Panes) R. Hodges 8-11-6 T. Dasconible 97 6 11-115 PLAY GAMES 28 (8F.D.F.G.S); (J. Beowni R. Lee 10-11-6 R. A. Johnson 97 6 141F6- HIGH MOOD 272 (D.G.S); (M. Oppermen) T. Beorge 8-10-8 J. T. Janiss 109 BETTING: 5-4 Gestors, 4-1 Play Games, 9-2 Plays Lezue, 0-1 Northern Singer, High Mood, 10-1 Physicipe Music. 1997. TIDEBROOK 7-12-7 Mr R Watery 111-8 Jay R Badley 5 car

Grationi fell in handicate chase at Chebenham (2m 44 110yd, good); previcush, 5 - 1 3rd of 6 to Capareal y in handicate chase at Chebenham (2m 44 110yd, good); previcush, 5 - 1 3rd of 6 to Capareal y in handicate chase at Chebenham (2m 44 110yd, good); principle Masels 13 3d of 18 to Good For A Laugh in leader chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good). Principle Masels 13 3d of 18 to Good For A Laugh in lead110yd, good), previously 11 2ad of 11 to Depth to in handicate chase at Forenoid (2m 2d, good). Nothernal Steger 2d 3rd of 4 to Femick in handicate chase at Famion (2m 3d, fam), previously local Kelchican 7 in 3 -runner
monic chase at Tawton (2m 110yd, imp) Pay Games 3 - 4 5m of 8 to Cooleen Here on handicate chase at
Plumpton (2m, soft), memously boat The Outback Way 3 - 1 in 4-runner handicate chase at Necester (2m 4d
110yd, good).

GRATOMI was stall going well when falling hour out treast and promises to go class here

1.45 WEATHERBYS TURF NEWS MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250: 2m) (6 runners)

SETTING: 4-5 SAN Vestments, 4-1 March Margott Time For A Stass, 10-1 Swift Maden, 14-1 Efficient Benno, 33-; Lady California

Marsh Margold 5:: 1 4th of 15 to Duello in moving handlesip hardle at Ludish (2m. good), previously beat Record Roben needs to 13-moon 3 go 8, 4yo
bound to concer handle at Newtony (2m. 110yd, good to spot). Elementary of 30 did not 13 to Hidebound to concer handle at Newtony (2m. 110yd, good to spot). Elementary of 14 to February of a mares,
rational hand for all Pelestone (2m. 110yd, good). Larry Calternish fell in setting handle at Septer (2m. 2),
good): previously 20 did not 14 to Secret Gut in market at Newton Athoric (2m. 10 good) to jerny. Six Vestments 3:4: 3 not 61 4 to Ninatos List in national handle at Newton Athoric (2m. good), previously viol 2nd nd 17 to
Rave King on material handle stages at Townesse (2m. spot). Time For A Glass 681 stan of 25 to Papa Newtonia
in syntocial handle at Chellentam (2m. 5. good), previously 171 3nd of 14 to barries in market handle at Stanted (2m. 110yd, good). SILK VESTMENTS has shown about in bumpers and can make a worning hundring box

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TRAINERS JOCKEYS 101 119143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs O Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Received number. Str-figure form (F—felt, P—pulsed up. U—unseated nder, B—brought down, S—stipped up. R—refused, D—disqualified), Horse's name. Days since last outing; Fit flat, (B—blinkers, V—visor, H—hood, E—Eyeshistd, C—payer, vener, D—firenne, vener, b—firenne, vener, befire, vener, before, befo

CD-course and distance winer. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to

2.15 MIDLAND TECHNICAL TRANSLATIONS NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

BETTANC: 4-5 Manhorough, 5-1 Condecidans, Ripanus, 6-1 High Thync, 12-1 Drum Bable, Fanton De Mourry, 14-1 Melling. 1997: ESCARTEFIGUE 5-10-12 A Magune (1-3 lar) O Nicholson 4 ran

Coulondations 37 6th of 13 to Mauraroj in malatin hurdis at Utbester (2m, good to 2mt), previously 134 4th of 21 to Neglve Spenier in resional four flower Coil in handlage handle at Newtony (2m 110yd, good) to 2mt). Drum Battle 43 6th of 13 to Cooper Coil in handlage handle at Newtony (2m 110yd, good) to 2mt). Bittimused 9th is 6-runner handlage hundle at Plumpton (2m 4t, good to 2mt), High Thyre beater 4 obtained 3rd of 8 to Circles in novice chase at Hareland (3m 11 110yd, good); previously 85 8th of 13 to Nemzea in novice handle at Circles in 12mt (2m 5t, good). Malfortough undesided rider in novice chase at Torough 2mt (2m 6t, good) as 30t, previously 144 3rd of 9 to NS, Sammie in novice handle at My (2m 6t, good). Melling 383 and of 16 to Ny Boy in material residence of Plumpton (2m 5t, good) as 30t, previously 21 4th of 7 to Land (1 The River in novice chase at Emerican 3t, soit). Rigantius 20th 3rd of 8 to Religander to novice chase at Lectester (2m 1t, good). MARLBOROUGH has the build to make a choser and is worth persevering with after unsuating that time

2.45 tote handicap hurdle [showcase pace] (£5,095: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

Long handlesp: Eschapted Collage 8-11.

BETTING: 6-4 Nover in Debt. 3-1 McBayrily, 4-7 Handy Lass, 6-7 Ranger Storme, 10-1 Cap it it Your Cart. 20-1 Aegean Fantare, 33-1 Enchanted Collage. 1897: RDYALE ANGELA 5-10-13 R Johanson (8-13 by) J Novibs 4 apr

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3.15 ZAITOON I LOVE WORCESTER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,396: 2m 7f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 2P2/11 GROSVENDR 21 (S) (R Option) P. Nichollo 7-12-0 R Durewoody 100
2 131-45 HODOWARGER 15 (B.S) (P. Movell) W. Berls 9-11-11 T. Jenes 78
3 3513-4 BOLD STATEMENT 205 (B.S) (Downer Counters Contigen H Dairy 6-11-11 R Johnson 1998
4 03-02F RAMELING SAM 10 (S) (C. Joses) G Batting 0-10-7 B Center Counters C 1997: SMPSON 12-10-11 A Maguite (5-4) J Old 2 cm

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3.45 SEE YOU AGAIN IN APRIL 1999 MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,329: 2m) (11 rurners)

BETTING: 11-4 Ballymako Boy, 3-1 Fores Titine, 4-1 Deta Glen, 5-1 Wicked kmp, 6-1 Brastfee, 10-1 Estable, 33-1 Clean Castle, Matt Holland, Paracoa, 50-1 stress.

1997: FESTIVE TEAK 5-11-5 R Massey (4-6 lev) D Nicholson 8 can

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☐ Lord Gyllene, absent since winning the 1997 Martell Grand National, remains on course to reappear in the Tommy Whitel Chase at Haydock in 12 days' time. Steve Brookshaw, his trainer, said at Haydock on Saturday: "He is well and we need to get a run into him. He will need the outing and we are taking things race by race."

FULLESTONE

1.05 Kingsmark, 1.35 Moonshine Bay, 2.05 Reach The Clouds, 2.35 Come On Eilish, 3.05 Church Law, 3.35 Roborette.

GOWG: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES): ::: TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.05 BREDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,009: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 runners)

4-5 Kingsmark, 7-2 Chigago City, 5-1 Glactolanowyou, 7-1 Jim Jan Jacy, 20-1 High in's Delight, 25-1 Little Rowley, 50-1 Swiss 7actor, 56-1 Carey-Arm.

1.35 EBF NATIONAL HUNT HOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,265: 2m 11 110yd) (7)

201 60 CAUSHT AGAIN 138 N Hender on 5-11-0 ... M A Rizgenski 302 00/9 FRENCH COUNTY 19 3 Jonates 5-11-0 ... S Bradley 233 0-20 482/TON MADE 38 G Hutterd 5-11-0 ... R Thomson 234 5-30 MODRISHINE BAY 10 J Entry 4-11-0 ... P Hate 205 NET PROFIT J Shard 4-11-0 ... L Aspel 206 0-0 SR VALENTINE 23 R form 4-11-0 ... B Feston 207 00F- R-YING FOOTSE 231 (D.S) M J Roberts 5-10-9 ... S Dursch 7-2 Moorsbore Boy, 4-1 French County, 9-2 Not Profit, 5-1 Caught Again, 11-2 Flying Facts 1, 7-1 Medica Marie, 8-1 Ser Valentine

2.05 DAILY MAIL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,436: 2m) (10)

301 14-J MD PATTERN 12 (B.D.F.S) G.L. Moore B-12-D M Batchelor (5)
302 145 FRON N GOLD 599 (D.F.S) I Caser 6-11-3 T. J Morphy
303 0F-P TICKERS TOWN 301 Revie 0-10-9 P Hade
304 PPP HANGEN DUT TO BRY 801 (S) E.L. James 7-10-D G Bradey
305 230- REACH THE CUCUUS 227 (G) J tiscon 6-10-7 J Supple
306 50-9 MALDOVA 4D Grizell's 10-4 Resid
307 5-20 CALVARD 21 J GRONT 7-10-D Associa
308 PPP- AUGUST INFLIFIT 215 (E.S.) D Brion 10-10-D ... L Associa
309 3097 THE LADY SCORES 14 S DON 6-10-D ... J Goldstein (5)
310 PO-5 CUR MAN FUN 14 Mts A E Johnson 5-10-D ... J R Konnength 9-4 August Twelth, 11-4 Calvaio, 5-1 Reach The Clouds, 8-1 No Patern, 10-1 bon N Gold, 14-1 Madona, The Lady Scores 10-1 orbos

2.35 BRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.126: 2m 6f 110yd) (13)

402 -121 NEVER GOLF DAMOND 21 (0.F G.S) J R Best 5-11-13
403 :/P1/ HI HEDLEY 576 (CU.F. (0. G. Hubbard 0-11-6 L. Barber (7)
404 (0.P21 17 S WALLACE 28 (E.S.) J C Pourlins 5-11-5 .M. Batchelor (5)
405 12P- SALAMAN 197F (0.D.) F (0.P3) 10 Hoceany 5-11-0 T J Marphy
406 330/ CLASH OF SACROS 472F (5) 1 D Mocraty 5-11-0 T J Marphy
407 -4-3 ANS SOTH L. 10 (8.D.20, 5) G McCoord 1-0-10-10. E. Husbard
408 0535 SIX CLEMIS 219 (S) Mrs. S Doon 5-10-6 ... B Pention
409 0535 SORBERES 9 (8) F.) D Groot 1-10-5 ... B Pention
410 3PS- SOLETT'S DARLING 215 (8.S) D (Polyers 5-10-3 ... P Hide
411 S6-3 DARHOK RANZ 21 (D.F.S) M Botro (1-10-0 ... L. Aspell
413 POS- WALCOSO 251 (BL) R (Adder 10-10-0 ... M/S N Ledger
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3.05 DAILY MAIL HANDICAP CHASE IN MEMORY OF LADY HARMSWORTH BLUNT (£4,260: 3m 2i) (6)

5-2 Refressives, 3-1 Courch Law 4-1 Let # 08, 5th Distancy, 6-1 Lettery Ticket 10-1 Gety Gordon 3.35 SIGGIN HILL MARES DNLY INTERMEDIATE OPEN HATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1.203: 2m 1(110yd) (10)

601 0-31 ADBORETTE 10 10.51 J Nemile 5-11-7 S Durack
602 4 BOOTH 37 Art 0 Name 5-11-0 R Thorston
603 05- BOWLING ON 212 R Bucker 4-11-0 B Powed
604 DD BULTSWED 234 R Report 4-11-0 D TSWHAM 17605 0.011 y-0 0 Strenged 5-11-0 G Balmes (7)
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606 MOT ADBORETTE 27 M R Report 5-11-0 M A Thorston
609 4 MOTTADRITTE 27 M R Booker 4-11-0 M A Properate
610 SANARAY A Jeogra 4-11 0 G Torrey 5.4 Roborste, 6-1 July-D. 7-4 Body, Mart Phatic 8-1 Montagnotic, 16-1 Bowling On 20-1 Bozzaford Latie Std. Martin-Bhy, 50-1 Sarash COURSE SPECIALISTS

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12.55 Jona Holley, 1,25 Birkdale, 1,55 Sleepy River, 2,25 All The Aces, 2,55 Valedictory, 3,25

12.55 JOOGLIE BRIG NOVICES HURDLE (£2,941: 2m 110yd) (10 nunners)

8-11 Classical Bance, 4-Y Jona Holley, 9-2 Reverse Charge, 10-1 Lindapon, 20-1 Sounds Devices, 25-1 SW Francis, Cobra GM, Coscorotes, 33-1 others.

1.25 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY NOVICES CHASE (£3,290: 2m 6l 110vd) (11)

7-4 Birkstale, 7-1 King Pin, 4-1 Master Nova, 12-1 Ben Crustrian, Harden Glen, More Rush, 25-1 Single Sourcing, 33-1 others.

1.55 ERIC SCARTH MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,749. 2m 6f 11Dyd) (4)

13-8 Sleepy River, 7-4 The Next Waltz, 9-4 Robbo 20-1 Tarajan

2.25 MARTIN CURRIE CHAMPION HANDICAP CHASE [TOTE TRIPECTA RACE] (£8,247: 3m 1f) (9)

1 - 824 DAVY BLAKE 18 (DD.F.G.S) T Datesty 11-12-0 A 5 Smith 129 2 20-4 ALL THE ACES 30 (G.S) J.J D Neili 11-11-12 ... P Neven 1738 3 5-31 Chapped DUT 16 (D.G.S) M todauter 8-11-10 ... MyCommack (5) 123 4 1-22 YOUNG KENNY 15 (BF,CD,G.S) P Beaumon 7-11-8 5 3-13 FREDRE BUCK 15 (D.F.G.5) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-5 FREDRE BUCK 15 (D.F.G.5) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-5 FREDRE BUCK 15 (D.F.G.5) J Dan 11-11-5 FREDRE BUCK GOLD 218 (BF,CD.5) N Richards 10-10-11 8 149- CALL THE SHOTS 435 (C.F.S.) J Wade 9-10-0 R McGrath ____ 9 ,P05 SCRESPLER 21 (V.S.) J Barchy 12-10-0 _____ 8 Scorey 112

11-4 Young Asnny, 4-1 Chippos Out. 9-2 Freedon Mach. 11-2 Feels Like Gold. 13-; Carry Biolon, 8-1 All The Aces. Coppil Lane, 33-1 others

2.55 OSWALD HUGHES HANOICAP HURDLE (£2,731: 2m 2f) (4)

1 2-52 PALACEGATE KING 19 (C.5) A Whitian: 9-12-0
MR B Gibson (7) [113]
2 -138 VALEDISTORY 9 (S) P Morbeth 5-11-13 ... L Wyer '92'
3 -124 GOOD DAY 16 (F) A WHITATE 4-10-5 ... L JURINE (7) 108
4 G421 EXALTED 21 (F) I Cultibri 5-10-2 ... C McContrack (5) 91 11-8 Volesictory, 3-1 Exalled, 7-2 Palacogate Kerg, 4-1 Good Day.

3.25 MDET & CHANDON AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,374 2m 6l 110yd) (5)

1 05-3 DISTINCT 19 4 Windows 5 11-10 K Restricts 17) 57
2 70-2 TEELIN BAY 19 C Parker 8-11-10 A Parker 77 [78]
1 T- DYMANAC LURO 274P (5) 7 Tale 4-11-9 M Wilson (5) 5 P RARE LADE 30 Ms 5 Barburne 4-11-4 5 Swiers 11-5 Depart, 13-6 feeto Bay 4-1 Dynamic Lord, 10-1 The Giptet, 50-1 Fair Jack

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury Going: good to soit

12.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Moor Lane (R Dun-woody, 11-4); 2, Looks [Re Trouble (9-1). Ceder Square 5-2 law, 5 ran, MR: Knights-bridge Scot. Det. 1 Balding, Tote: 22.80: ci 50; 52.50. DF: 516.10 CSF' £19.64. 1.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Wahiba Sanda (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Deccupage (7-1); 3, Zalarzhad (3-1 law), 10 ran, 5, nk, M Pipe, Tote, 68.80; 62.80, 62.30, 61.80. DF: 53.50. CSF: 647.38. Tricast' £142.53. 1.46 (3m 110yd hole) 1, Princeful (R Dun woody, 6-1; 2, Shooping Light (11-1); 3, The Prome (7-2). Merello 5-6 fax, 6 nat, 2's, 12, Mrs J Pliman, Tote: £5,60; £2,30, £2,70, 0F: £34,00 CSF: £53,76. 2.70. Un: E34 00 CSF 553.78.
2.20 (3m 21 110yd chi 1, Teeton audi (N Willemson, 5-1); 2, Euclipe (14-1); 3, Fidding The Feds (9-1), 4, Boss Doyle (8-1) Seven Towers 3-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Avro Anson, 151, 61. Mass V Williams. Tote. 26.40; E2.50, E3.10, E2.20, E2.70. DF; E81.70. The locate E2.794.90. CSF: £68.07. Tricast £593.72.

259 (2m II ch) 1, Green Green Desert (J Tizzard, 6-4); 2, Nasiwile Star (16-1); 3, Pete The Parson (evens favl, 4 ran. 13, 14. P. Nicholls, Tote, £2.40, DF, £7.40 CSF £13.78.

CSF £13.78.
3.20 (2m 110yd-hdle) 1, Seleumeth (J. Os-borne, 5-4 fav); 2, Just Good Fun (5-2), 3, Herk (16-1), 11 (2m NP: Mancin, Medaille Millare, 12, 4), C Egerton, Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.20, £3.70. DF: £3.50 CSF; £4.75 Jackpot: £4,036.10. Placepot: £288.20. Quadpot: £38.70.

Haydock Park Going: heavy

1.10 1, Out Ranking (8-11 lav); 2, Leap in 7 The Dark (16-1), 3, King Girsaech (16-1), 7 ran. NR: Infamous. 1.40 1, Churchtown Glen (7-1); 2, Su-preme Lady 111-10 lav), 3, Old Hush Wing (3-1) 5 ian. 2.10 1. Doon Semoural (11-2); 2, Oban (9-1); 3. Parsons Boy (8-1). Share Opeons 13-6 lav. 6 ran

2.40 1, No Retreat (5-4 lav); 2, Gienbow-er (5-2); 3, Cregg Rose (100-1); 5 ran, NR: Carlisle Banditos, Whip Hand. 3.10 1, Petersen House (evens fev); 2, Bluesha(n (5-2), 3, Michaelle (4-1), 5 ran. 3.40 1, Jemuro (11-2): 2, Santa Jet (12-1): 3, Panah (6-1) The Eens 9-4 lav. 9 ran.

Newcastle Going: cood to set

12.30 1, Saintes (11-2), 2, Dangerman (10-1); 3, Bhulan (5-1), Panama House 5-4 lav 9 ran lav 9 ran 1.00 1, Aghawadda Gold (7-2 il-favl, 2. Bambungh Boy (5-11, 3, Inn At The Top (7-2 il-favl, 10 ran NR Damza 1.30 1, Skr Bob (6-1), 2, Adezo (13-8 lav), 3, Tikopa (50-1) 17 ran NR Major Hage. 2.00 1, Ask Me Leter (7-1): 2. Forestel 12-1 (21): 3 Micholas Plant (14-7): 10 ran NR Cumil Hope 2.30 1, Dato Star (13-6 lav), 2, French Holly (100-30), 3, Midnight Legend (16-1) 6 ran. 3.00 1, Noosa Sound (5-4 tav), 2, Pure-value (7-2), 6 ran. 3.35 1. Toehiba Talk (7-2). 2. Key Gnp (11-4 fav., 3. Rossel (11-2) 9 ran.

Warwick Going: good to soft

12.50 1, Cashaplenty (9-1) 2, Brogs Turn (5-1), 3, Hurricano Jane (13-2) Premi-um Quest 100-30 lav 12 ran 1.20 1. Tain Ton (20-1): 2. Don Fayruz (5-4 fov): 3. Gen Bee Boy (7-2): 9 ran. 1.50 1. Rovester (5-3) 2 Mouse Bird (7-4) lavy 3. Morstock (4-1), 4 for. 2.25 1. Oesert Mountain (2-5 tay): 2. Country Stat (16-3) 3 Toms Choice (50-11 5 ran 2.55 1. L'Opera (5-6 laz), 2. Harlequin Chorus (5-2), 3. Charming Admiral (10-3) 3 ran 1/R. Cali My Guesi

3.25 1. Folly Road | 11-8 lav); 2. Flip-pance (8-1); 3. Grange Count (6-4), 5 ran. 3.50 1, Eddy's Son (12-1), 2, Perk Alert (23-1), 3, Montagers (13-8 lav), 22 ran



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England set out to build confidence

FROM NICHOLAS HARLING IN LEON, SPAIN

LASZLO NEMETH is not a man given to indulgent helpings of self-praise, but the England coach might bless forever the day that he arranged a maich tonight in his home town of Budapest against

Honved. Such foresight, Dr Nemeth believes, will give him a chance to correct the many flaws evident in England's 74-58 defeat here by Spain in the European championship semi-final round ne on Satur-day. With luck, England's collection of largely untried newcomers could then go on to Kiev on Wednesday and bear Ukraine in a tie vital to both countries chances of taking third place in group C. Whichever naoon finishes third would not have to drop into the qualifying round next

The fear of much pain in Spain had forced Dr Nemeth into his meticulously planned innerary. "That was in mind when I arranged the game in Budapest," he explained. "It will help me put things back in order. I thank God that game is being played. Otherwise we might have had 100 big a load to carry,"

For the first seven minutes against Spain. England stayed with the world's fifth-ranked nation, limiting Alberto Herreros, the man who would score 2) points, to a single jump-shot. John Amaechi had cancelled out the opening basket from Rodrigo De La Fuente and with two further baskets

apiece from Sieve Bucknall and Roger Huggins, England were only 12-10 down and in contention, if not for a surprise victory, certainly a respectable

Moments later a stray elbow caught Huggins below his left eye, forcing him off for the insertion of three sniches. By the time he returned, England were 38-13 adrih. heading for a shattering defeat. "I was a little bit amazed," Huggins admined. "When I came back and saw that scoreline, I thought I wasn't seeing properly."

Huggins was not to score again but Bucknall continued to do so. The scorer of six successive free throws just before the interval, which found England 45-19 in arrears, the captain sank a three-pointer on the restart, the first of eight successes for the visitors from long range during the second

Bucknall's tally of 15 points was six less than Amaechi, who recovered from a wretched first half to end the evening with ten rebounds. Amaech was helped post-interval, how-ever, by Spain's decision to rest Roberto Duenas, the former Chicago Bulls' draft pick who. at 7ft 2in, seemingly had only to reach up to hook

the ball through the hoop. That was not something England's own 7ft 2in man. Andy Betts, managed to accomplish but it was not as if England's smaller back-court players were faultless, either.

Fine coach work carries champions

any pupils like their PE teachers. They respect their efforts in coaching, driving buses to matches, shouting encouragement and advice from the side-lines, sharing in their schools' triumphs but also comforting

However, seldom can there have been such fond admira-tion as that of the girls of Francis Bacon School, Si Albans, for Dilys Waners, coach to the nadonal schools baskerball champions at under-16 and

IN SCHOOLS

under-19 levels. A letter from a former pupil to me reads: "Mrs Watters is a one-in-a-million coach and we all love her and thank her for what she has done for us, in and out of basketball."

The letter came from Stacey Nicholls, captain of the victorious under-19 team this year and now a student at Luton University. The sentiments were echoed last week by the present girls of Francis Bacon, who are hoping to represent England in the international schools championship in Jerusalem next May.

They are busily staging discos and writing letters seeking sponsorship and donations, so that this mixed state school of only 630 pupils can have the experience of a lifetime. The sum of £4,000 is needed; £1,250 has been found so far. Watters is planning to guide



Gemma Farmer, left, and Ashleigh Jones, part of the team hoping to travel to Israel

them in Israel, just as she has guided so many successful girls' teams since she arrived at Francis Bacon 12 years ago. County champions across five age groups for five successive years, Francis Bacon are unbeaten this season in the national championships as they defend their two national

Francis Bacon have had to display immense spirit in matches. Playing

against Siddalmoor, Rochdale, in the under-16 final, they were trailing by 15 points at one stage but gradually worked their way back into the match to win 69-66. Annika Jones, 17, off-guard in the team, said: "We have all been together for years, so everyone knows what we are going to do on the court." Yoshi Yamaguchi, 17, a for-ward, said of the coach: "She knows all the individuals and what makes them work. If our

heads are going down, then she will bring them up." Watters is self-effacing. She never played basketball her-self but became immersed in the sport in Scotland, eventually managing the under-15 national team before moving to Hertfordshire. Now she has a job-share at the school with Gill Holton, another PE teacher, who also helps with the squads.

Watters said: 'They are super kids. They never miss practices and many of them are in the gym every day." For many years, the school was forced to use a gymnasium that was too small for fullscale matches. However, last month a £1.2 million lotteryaided hall was opened, which is ideal for the sport.
"My emphasis is on enjoy-

ment," Watters added. "That is vital, but the girls work so well together. We have often won games when we did not necessarily have the strongest individuals but when we were stronger as a team. We do not necessarily have

a lot of tall players so we have to work hard to compete, relying on speed and anocipation. The thrill of basketball is that every player has the opportunity of scoring. Players feel part of the team."

Many of the girls watch American stars, such as Michael Jordan, on television but the younger ones get inspiration from each other. They look towards the peer group. I remember one gir doing one particular move and I asked her where she had learnt it. She replied that she had been watching one of the older girls earlier in the day. You see, there is a family atmosphere here," Watters said.

ICE SKATING

Russian's victory shows poor standard

FROM ANGELA COURT IN ZAGREB

THE majority of the 24 women who skated in the free programme at the world junior figure skading championships here must be shaking their heads and unering "if only" But then those words are used frequently in this sport. At all events one hears "if only I'd landed one more triple jump; if only I hadn't fallen on my jump combinacion: if only I'd been drawn to skate later . . ." In the end, however, give or

take the odd instance, the right skater wins. This person is not necessarily the best in the competition, rather the one who can perform well under pres-sure. For many of the women in Zagreb on Saturday, it was clearly the reverse. Getting through their four-minute programmes seemed to be something of a battle, which they frequently lost, to judge from the number of falls on attempt-

ed triple jumps.

Daría Timoshenko, of Russia, won the gold medal with a programme that was both technically and artistically average. She cheated the landing on an opening triple lutz jump combination, and

later fell on a solo triple lutz. Sarah Hughes, 13, of the United States, finished second and although she took off from the wrong edge to two triple lutz jumps, singled a triple loop and faulted the landing of a triple salchow, her showing was extremely creditable. She is one to watch in future years.

Viktoria Voltchkova, of Russia, skated with a heavily strapped right ankle and, despite two falls, took the bronze medal ahead of Irina Nikolaeva, her compatriot.

BOXING

Eastman anxious to impress

MUCH was expected of Howard Eastman when he arrived on the scene in 1994 and started on his career of quick victories. National Promodons was reluctant to part with the middleweight when Panix (Lennox Lewis's promooon company) made an offer

that it has taken Eastman such a long time to reach the British championship level. but he has been out of the ring for II months with a hand injury. Eastman has boxed

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

impress at Bowlers, Manchester, tonight, however, when he meets Steve Foster, of Salford. for the vacant British otle. Foster has the experience to make

Eastman, whose main asset is his big punch, look ordinary. Foster, who has suffered 14

ter decided to return to boxing.

It would be surprising if Foster is able to stand up to the heavier man if the blows are not deflected effectively.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLI-ANCE: North West Conference: Wigan v Black-pool (11 0)

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OTHER SPORT

three times since his return and even though he is unbeaten in 18 contests, with 16 of those ending inside the distance, he has not looked as

He gets his chance to

defeats in 36 contests, has been boxing since 1981, but after Ronald Wright, the American. WBO champion, stopped Foster in six rounds in May 1997. centrate on business matters. disgrace losing to Wright, Fos-

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Leicester v Frji XV (7.45) OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Superloague: Manchesto Storm v Cardiff Devil: 7/0: Newcastle Riverlogs v Nottingham Partitiers (7.15) TENNIS: Champione, challengo (at Olym-

FOOTBALL FA CUP: Second round: Darington v Man-choster City (8 0)

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JEWSON LEAGUE: Parat division: Camberley v Liverpool St. Neterns: Horizy v Birmingham/Solfhull; Lydney v Reading (3.0), Manchessar v Wharrectale (2.15); Moreley v Rossyn Park (3.0), Notingham v Harrogote (3.0), Otiay v Newbury (2.15). Second division north: Hindsley v Numeuton, Kendal v Aspetna, Lichited v Weisall; Preston Grasshoppers v New Brighton (2.16), Sandal v Sheffield (2.15), Sedgley Park v Winnangon Park; Whischurch v Stouthodge, Second division south: Bridgwaler v Cition (3.0), Hawari v Brackrasil. Norwich v North Walsham

BASKETBALL: Butwelser Leegue: London Towers v Worthing Bears (7:30). Unibell Trophy: Pool stage: Leicester Poles v Manchester Glants (7:30). Million Keynes Lons v Chester Jefs (7:30); Newcastle Enles v Greder London Leopour's 17:00.

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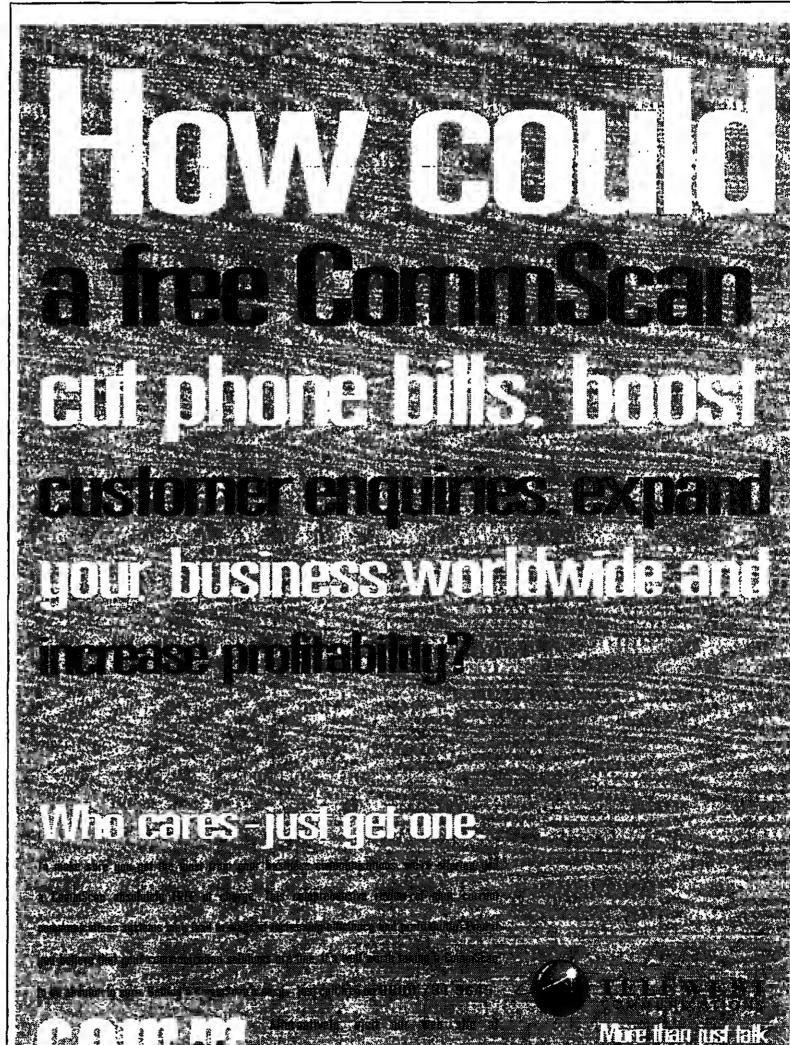
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Locaster v Rugby (3.0). London Weish (10) v
Richmond (25) (2.0); Moseley (19) v Northampton (36) (2.0); Orest v Sale (3.0).

TENNENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP:
First divisions String County v West of Scotlend (2.0); Boroughruf v Cumia (2.0); Watsondens v Glasgow Hamfa (2.0). Second division: Dunden HSPP v Kincady (2.0), Namenock v Salkrit (2.0). Third divisions (3sspox Southern v Peebler (2.0); Gerrothes v
Siewart's Mel FP (2.0); Gordoners v Grangemouth (2.0).

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ICE HOCKEY: Superisegue: Bracine's Bres v Nacusalie Riverlangs (6 D): Ayr Scottish Eagles v Shelfield Steelers (6 SI). Cardill Devits v London Kngriss (6 D). Manches Namusan Partitiers (6 D).



BADMINTON

HONG KONG OPEN: Men: Semi-finals: Chen Gang (China) bt PG Christensen (Don) 15-10, 15-9, 8 Sentoso (Indo) bt R Salek (Malaysia) 15-5, 15-4. Final: Somtoso ti Chen Gang 15-10, 15-10, Women: Semi-finals: C Mentin (Den) bt Ling Wom-ting (HK) 11-4, 11-3; L Dipatawaya (Indo) bt Chen Ya-fing (Rawan) 11-8, 13-10. Finals Mentin

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONISHIP: Qualifying semi-lineks: Group C: Spain 74 England 58, Denmark 58 Belarus 69; Israel 77 Ulgaine 70 Ultraine 70

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BOBSLEIGHING

PARK CITY, Utah: World Cup four-man PARK CITY, Utaht: World Cup four-man event: 1, Germany 1 (C Langer, T Pistzer, S Ruehr, S Peter) Irnin 36.975ez; 2, Switzer, S Ruehr, S Peter) Irnin 36.975ez; 2, Switzerland 1 (M Rohner, M Nassil, S Helb., 9 Schalfelberger) 1.37.25; 3, Germany 2 (H Czuda, U Lehranon, M Paetcold, C Errbach) 1.37.25; 4, Germany 8 (A Lange, C Heyder, E Kuehn, L Behrandt) 1.37.41; 5, France 1 (B Mingeon, E Hoslache, E Le Chanchy, M Roberl) 1.37.67; 7, Laviva 1 (S Pruse, E Bojers, M Zachanne, J Czols) 1.37.68; 8, Switzerland 3 (R Goslachi, G Acklin, S Anderhue, C Aebis) 1.37.69; 9, Canada 1 (P Litaders, K teBlanc, M Hindle, B Hindle) 1.37.72; 10, Austras 2 (K Errborger, T Bachler, M Muetter, J Mayer) 1.37.79. Did not finish: Grast Elitain (S Clason, D Ward, A Lavis, E Selwalor) **BOWLS**

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCI-ATION INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (1994) Trophy: Second round: Hamp-state bt Wilstate 133-108, Cambridgeshire of Notbrighamshire 119-112, Lecestershire of Notbrighamshire 119-112, December

FIRST DIVISION: Barlord Tigers 5 Shel-field 1: Chelmstord 4 Hull 2: Doncaster 5 Havard 2: Firebrands 1 Loughborough St 1: Harleston Magpies 5 St Abbarns 6; Isca 5 Hampstead 3: Oxford Hawks 2 Lewes 4; Oxford Univ 2 Eastcote 2, Stourport 4 Bromiley 0; Surbiton 3 Indian Gymkhana 4

NORTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pre-

mier division: Bowdon 2 Formby 3; Chester 0 Sheffield Bankers 3; Norton 1

Herrogate 1; Rotherham 1 Durham Univer-sty 4; Southport 4 Neston 1; Werrington 1 Ben Brydding 3. First division: Brooklands 8 Swalwell 1; Caty of York 2 Disley 1; Doncaster 5 Wigson 1; Durham University if 3 Stockton 2, Lytham St Arme's 2 Decade Ramblers 3; Springfields 3 Timperley 1.

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BOXING

HILLSBOROUGH LESURE CENTRE, Sheffield: World Boding Organisation infer-consinental mickleweight (Bradis): A Rhades (Sheffield: holder) bit F Avendano (Med) to 1st Light-mickleweight (Bradis): A Farnell (Menchesalr) bit G Richards (Birmargham) pis 7th. Light-mellarweight (Gradis): J Witter (Bradford) bit T Right-resilientelight (Gradis): J Witter (Bradford) bit T Right-resilientelight (Bradford) bit Right-resilientelight (Bradford) bit T Right-resilientelight (Castledord) bit R Cassidy (Derby) pis. Bentsamweight (4mds): J Betts (Hulli bit D Dail (Phymouth) pis. (Bradford) bit N Wilders (Castledord) bit R Cassidy (Derby) pis. BELFAST: Commonwealth and vacant British crusierweight (harder) sc 10th. Light-heavyweight (4mds): F Zodioweid (Pol) bit S Casey (Alfreion) is C 3rd. Middleweight (4mds): S Thomas (Flant) bit D Betnicki (Pol) to 1st. Light-weiterweight (4mds): G McCamon (Lurgan) bit D Nik (Sutton Ashfield) pis. Super-bentamwelpht (4mds): B Weite (Carlock Fergus) bit K Gorowski (Notingham) pis. Flyweight (4mds): S Norman

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Otton 2: Standings: 1, Bedford 21; 2; Ketterlog 19; 3, N Staffs 15, North: Blackburn 1 Liverpool 5; Don Valley 0
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WELSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE Colwyn Bay 2 Penarth 0; Cwmlawe 5 Cardiff Ath 1; Swanses 8 Newtown 1; UWIC 8 Newport 0, Standings 1, Swanses 6-12, 2, Colwyn Bay 4-6; 3, Newtown 4-6.

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CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Final day of four: Sydney: New South Wales 273 (5 Lee 89, G Robertson 53 not out, C J Richards 50; B Oldroyd 4-88) and 281-9 dec (M G Beven 101 not out, C J Richards 97); Western Australia 337 (A C Glichrist 125, R J Campbet 99; S C G Mangill 4-111); and 58 (S C G Mangill 4-111); and 58 (S C G Mangill 4-111); and 58 (S C G Mangill 4-11); and 59 (S C G Mangill 4-11); and 59 (S C G Mangill 4-11); and 59 (S C G Mangill 4-11); and 59 (S C G Mangill 4-11); and 373-5 dec (M T G Elliott 66); South Australia 350 (D S Lehmann 171, G S Blewett 158, D S Lehmann 78 not out). South Australia beat Vetoria 24-8 (S G Law 103, A Symonds 50); Tissmanna 213-6 dec (D F Hitle 62, M J Dt Vernuto 60) Match charm. Tasmannia 20ts Couernstand 0. Standings: 1, Victoria 4-14; 2, Queenstand 0. Standings: 1, Victoria 4-14; 2, Queenstand 0. Standings: 1, Victoria 4-14; 2, Queenstand 3-8; 3, WA 3-8; 4, SA 3-8; 5, NSW 4-6; 8, Tasmania 3-4.

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 SUPERSPORT SERIES: Pretoria (third day of four): Northerns 323 and 16-0; Boland 158 and 250 (D R Gain 79, E Ferreira 59). CYCLING Cyclo-cross
BCCA INTERNATIONAL (Eastway, London, 324ml: 1, P Willemsens (Belgium) Ihr Imin Bsoc. 2, D Willemsens (Belgium) at 14ecc, 3, K. Volckserts (Belgium) 26, 4, Telephone (Belgi

RT) 2-42: 7, C Young (Teem Marie Curte-Pace) 2-50
DCRSET ROUGH-RIDERS (North Cenford Heath, 12 miles): 1, A Nixon (GA Cybes-Orange) 52-16; 2. D Lloyd (Bournerouth Arrow) 54; 3, S Willats (X-Treme) 2-04. BRISTOL RC (Ashton Court Soramble, 12 miles): 1, C Danning (Sports Coaching) 1:01:48; 2. J Wherlock (Clayton Cars) 1:25; 3, J Tazewell (Sports Coaching) 4:48 CYCLE PORICE (Durham, 10 miles); 1, S Ward (CF) 1:09:25; 2. S Weamouth (CF) 2:37; 3, C Murley (Denton) 2:57.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF LACROSSE NORTH PREMIER DIVISION: Heaton Mer-sey 7 Cheadle 9, Poyriton 4 Stockport 17, Boardman and Eccles 18 Cheadle Hulme 4,

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IBUSUNI, Japan: Casio World Open: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 274: B Watts (US) 69: 70, 67: 86 fwinner in play-oft: T Izzwa 69: 89, 68, 68, 68, 276: N Ozald 67: 71, 67: 71, 277: P Szankowsto (US) 68, 71, 71, 67: 5 Manuyama 71, 70, 70, 66; 1 Yoneyama 74, 57: 68, 68, 72: H Tarasia 68, 69, 72, 69; N Yufara 69, 70, 71, 69: 281: Kim Jong-Duk (S Kor) 69, 74, 70, 69, 281: E Herrera (CO) 71, 71, 71, 69: D Ishii (US) 74, 71, 68, 69; H Myane 73, 69, 67, 73. Other scores: 284: T Woods (US) 69, 74, 71, 70; B Jobe (US) 70, 77, 69; 68; 265: Yeh Chang-ling (Jaiwan) 70, 73, 71, 71, 286: F Funk (US) 71, 78, 70, 69; 2 Lanuel (China) 71, 72, 72, 71.
HARARE: Zimbathwe Opon: Leading final scores (South Africa unless stated): 271: N Price (Zim) 69, 68, 71, 63, 276: T Van der Watt 65, 71, 71, 68, 276: H Watters 71, 69, 69: M McMulty (Zim) 74, 70, 68, 69: W Abery 69, 68, 71, 67, 70, 281: B Licide 70, 74, 69, 69: M McMulty (Zim) 74, 70, 68, 69: W Abery 69, 68, 74, 70; H Otto 70, 71, 70, 70, 282: A da Silve (Zim) 74, 67, 71.

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BRISBANE: Australian Players' championship: Leading final acorae (Australia
unless stated): 275: S Leaney 67, 73, 67, 68
(won on first play-off hole): C Pavin (US) 69,
68, 71, 69, 279: D McKenzie 68, 70, 71, 70:
P O'Malley 71, 68, 69, 71; R Backwell 72,
71, 68, 67, 282: M Long (NZ) 68, 71, 73, 70:
S Robinson 72, 73, 68, 69, 283: T Demesy
(US) 70, 68, 71, 74, 294; J Van de Velde (Fr)
70, 71, 72, 8 Exies (US) 73, 73, 68, 72; J
Cooper 77, 69, 67, 73; L Parsons 72, 67, 73,
74; M Goggin 72, 72, 71, 71; N O'Henr 71,
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SHEFRELD: BUSA Halitax women's tournament: Loubridge 5 North 3; Miclands 2
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Midlands 2; Final positions; 1; Loubridge; 2, North; 3; Scotland; 4, South; 5, Midlands.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 2000 development squad 32 South Africa 46 (et Crystal Palece). **NORDIC SKIING**

ULLEHAMMER, Norway: World Cup sprint combined event: 1, H Manninen (Firi) 18min 50.4sec; 2, F Gottwold (Austria) at 35.3; 3, B Engen Vik (Nor) 46.6. tr. Co.d.; 3, 5 Ergen Vir (vor) 45.6.

ILLEHAMMER, Norwey: World Cup sid jumping event: 1. M Schmitt (Gar) 239 5pts; 2, J Ahonen (Fin) 223.5; 3, K Funaki (Japan) 212.8. World Cup individual positions: 1, Schmitt 200pts; 2, Ahonen 160; 3, Funak: 110. Leading World Cup country positions: 1, Germany 480pts; 2, Japan 213; 3, Austria 206, 4, Finland 193; 5, Norwey 175.

ROWING

SALTFORD: Bristol University Head of the River: Leading results: Merr: Egipta: Open: Oxford Brookes: 10min: 12sec. Sensior two: Oxford Brookes: 10min: 12sec. Sensior two: Oxford Brookes: 10.75. Sensior three: Oxford Brookes: 11.18. Sensior four: Brietol University 11.33. Nowlos: University of West of England: 12.29. Fours: Open: Oxford Brookes: 12.19. Sensior two: Ensior University 11.41. Sensior two: coxesd: Bristol University 11.41. Sensior two: coxesd: Bristol University 12.58. Sensior two: coxesd: Bristol University 12.58. Sensior two: Ension University 12.59. Sensior two: Ension (Burcham) 12.59. Women: Eights: Open: Bristol University 13.15. Scalis: Cox of Bristol (Burcham) 12.59. Women: Eights: Open: Bristol University 12.22. Sensior two: Colord Brookes: 12.17. Sensior two: Bristol University 13.16. Sensior three: City of Bristol 14.56. Novice: Exeter University 15.54. Pairs: Awon County 14.13. Doubles: Awon County 14.05. Soulis: Oxford Brookes: Facel Coxed Brookes: Pairs of County 14.05. Soulis: Oxford Brookes: Pairs Oxford Brookes: Awon County 14.05. Soulis: Oxford Brookes: Pairs Oxford Brookes: P

BOURNEMOUTH: Liverpool Victoria Uni-ted Kngdom championship: Semi-linat: J Hugars (Scot) bt P Hunter (Eng) 9-4. Final: M Stevens (Welcs) leads Higgins 5-4.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 22 Thombil 12, Beverley East Hall 12 Egrenon 46; Hewoodh 18 Castletord Lock Lene 20, Sidraugh 19 Saddleworth 8 Postponed: Wigan St Patricks v Leigh MR, Wootston v Wahney Central First division: Barrow Island 16 Million 23; Dudley Hill 22 Milliond 2; East Leeds 10 Rochdale Mayfield 27; Outlon 4 Siddal 4; Rechirl 28 Featherstone Lions 8; Shaw Cross 48 Motogreen 12 Postponed: Leigh East v Wigan St Judes Second division: Backbrook 11 Ideal isberg 12; Dodworth 21 Hall Dockers 14, London Stolers 22 New Earswick 8; Normanton 15 Eastmoor 12; Overden 38 Reightey Alo 4; York Acom 30 Crostletos 4. Postponed: Eocles v Dewsbury Moor. **SQUASH**

SKIING ASPEN, Colorado: Men's World Cup statem: 1, T Stangassinger (Austria) Imm 27 32ser; (43 57, 43 75); 2, S Amez (Fr) 127 59 (45 04, 42 54); 3, T Stansen (Nor) 127 70; (43.63, 43.79); 4, KA Agrood: (Nor) 127 70; (44.64, 43.56); 5, A Weiss (t) 127 82 (44.44, 43.56); 6, C Mayer (Austria) 127.94 (43.83, 44.11). Leading overall positions: 1, Mayer 280pts, 2, S Epertrarter (Austria) 280, 3, Agrood: 184; 4, H Maler (Austria) 180; 5, Stangassinger 135, 6, P Bourgeal (Fr) 126

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PARK CITY, Usah: Men's United States Ski
Team Super Series station: Ment: 1, A
LeRoy (US) Imin 33 83esc; 2, K Shell (US)
135 10: 3, M Tichy (Can) 1:35 45, 4, T
Ringret (Can) 1:35 85, 5, D Spencer (US)
1:35 90: 8, K Gray (Can) 1:35 91.
HELSDNG, Finland: World Cup crosscountry ski rately: Men (4 x 10km): 1,
Sweden Ihr 40min 30.6sec; 2, Norway at
0 8esc; 3, Italy 1:39.2, 4, Sweden II 2:22.1;
5, Italy II 2:33.9; 6, Aufris II 2:47 3 Women
(4 x 5km): 1, Fussis 55min 37.1 sec; 2, Italy
at 58 9esc; 3, Norway 1:8.9, 4, Fussis II
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2:54.9.
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LAKE LOUISE, Alberta: Work LAKE LOURSE, Alberta: Wornen's World Cap downhilt: 1, R Goetschi (Austrie) Imin 35.36sec; 2, I Kostner (til 1.26;92, 3, R Haeusi (Ger) 1.35.95; 4, M Dortmeister (Austrie) 1.36.20; 5, equal, B Obernices (Austrie) 1.36.27; A Messanitzer (Austrie) 1.36.27; Leading positione (after two events): 1, Goetschi 200pts; 2, Kostner 160; 3, Meissnitzer 105; 4, Haeusi 96, 5, Dortmeister 90; 6, M Erti (Ger) 86. BEAVER CREEK, Colorado: Women's United States Ste Team Super Series station: Equal 1, K Koznick (US) and N Bokal (Slovenia) 1min 16.81 sec. 3, C Saxon (Ft) 1:17.11; 4, U Hrovat (Slovenia) 1-17 15

SNOOKER

MONACO: Monte Carlo Classic: Semi-linals: S Wright (Eng) bt J Tracker (Eng) 9-1, 9-5, 9-5, \$ Schoene (Ger) bt V Albinson (Hot) 9-3, 10-9, 2-8, 9-2. Ernal: Wright bt Schoene 9-6, 9-1, 10-8. BIRMINGHAM: Brissh under-18 cham-pionshipe: Men: Semi-finals: B Camer Surrey to IN Metither (Yorks) 7-9, 9-7, 2-9, 9-3, 9-2, A Grant (Kent) bt P Barter (Esset) 9-6, 9-2, 9-3. Women: Semi-finals: C Beaumont (Yorks) bt N Clark (Sussed) 2-9, 9-3, 9-2, 9-4, V Larkester (Suffolk) bt D Lloyd-Walter (Micklesex) 7-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-7. DOHA. Calar: World Open: Chastifying

9-3, 9-2, 9-4, V Lankester (Suffolk) bi D Doyd-Wafter (Middlessed) 7-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-7. DOHA, Castan: World Open: Chaeffying round: M Monto (Fin) bi W El Hindl (Egypti) 3-15, 15-8, 15-12, 6-15, 15-12, 14, 7-15, 9-15, 15-12; A Ricketts (Aust) bi O Poutsalmen (Fin) 16-17, 6-15, 15-3, 15-11, 17-14; C Torminson (Eng) bi R Lavigne (Fr) 15-13, 15-10, 15-9; P Hargrave (Eng) bi 1 Higgins (Eng) 15-15, 15-5; 15-13, 12-15, 15-5; 15-8achhil (Eng) bi J Date (Eng) 15-11, 15-3, 15-10, 15-8, 15-13, 12-16, 15-8; 15-13, 12-16, 15-8; 15-13, 12-16, 15-8; 15-13, 12-16, 15-17, 15-17, 15-11, 15-18, 15-8; Wagth (Egypt) bi S Khan (Pak) 15-5, 15-9, 15-7; B Hackdenil (Aust) bi M Chaloner (Eng) 13-15, 16-17, 15-11, 15-10, 15-5; J Wellings (Eng) bi P Price (Aust) 17-15, 11-15, 11-15, 11, 15-12; D Harms (Eng) bi X Z Gul (Pak) 15-5, 15-9, 15-13, 18-17, 15-11, 15-12; C Flowland (Aust) bi D Benchetti (II) 15-17; P S Hackdenil (Aust) bi D Margrave (Eng) bi X Z Gul (Pak) 15-5, 15-11, 15-7; 15-13, 14-17, 15-10, S Casteleyn (Bell) bit X S Insia (Pak) 15-8, 15-10, D Jancon (Aus) bi Z Jahran (Pak) 15-8, 15-10, D Jancon (Aus) bi Z Jahran (Pak) 15-8, 15-10, D Jancon (Aus) bi X S (Soul) 15-18, 15-10, D Jancon (Aus) bi Z Jahran (Pak) 15-18, 15-13, T White (Soul) bit K Holms (Pak) 15-11, 15-12; D Evens (Eng) bit X B Masker (Eng) bit X

SWIMMING

EDMONTON, Alberta: World Cup short. course competition: Mer: Baclestroke: 50m: 1, C Renaud (Carl) 25.14ec; 2, G Huagil (Aus) 25.35; 3, 5 Halgasch (Ger) 25.61, 200m; 1, L Costa (Br) Imin

56 17sec; 2, D. Harsee (Can) 1:59.73, 3, M. Strahija (Cro) 2:00 25 Freestyle; 50m; 1, R. Laurn (Can) 22:45; 2, C. Ouintess (Br) 22:75; 3, H. Bijlermans (Bel) 22:78, 200m; 1, 1. Thorpe (Aus) 1:45.71; 2, R. Say (Can) 1:47.84; 3, B. Johns (Can) 1:48.21, 1. 500m; 1, T. Lontink (Gen) 15:03; 74; 2, J. Hoffmann (Gen) 15:04:49; 3, A. Righi (It) 15:29.77, Bresststroke; 100m; 1, F. Deburghgrauve (Bel) 59:80, 2, M. Knabe (Can) 1:00.53; 3, Dacing Yu. (China) 1:01.05. Butterfly; 100m; 1, Huegill 52:16; 2, D. Sylamiyer (Uni) 52:73; 3, A. Pine (Aus) 53:38 Individual medley; 200m; 1, B. Johns (Can) 2:00.17; 2, R. Van der Zent (Aus) 53:38 Individual medley; 200m; 1, P. Hayns (SA) 32:15; 2, T. Stoan (Can) 32:29; 3, K. Denner (Aus) 32:83. Butterfly; 50m; 1, K. Jaeke (Gen) 2:01; 3, C. Gresser (Gen) 32:29; 3, K. Denner (Aus) 32:83. Butterfly; 50m; 1, K. Jaeke (Gen) 77.73; 2, K. Stefanyshyn (Can) 28:02; 3, S. Akroubaie (Can) 23:13. Beckstroker: 100m; 1, A. Buschschulle (Gen) 5:03; 2, M. Limpert (Can) 5:56; 3, F. Van Almsck (Gen) 5:595; 200m; 1, K. Cameron (Can) 2:79; 72; C. Chuy (Can) 2:30.70; 3, L. van Costen (Can) 3:30.55; 400m; 1, M. Deary (US) 4:09 Bs. 2. C. Poli (C. Rice) 4:11.14; 3, R. Harris (Aus) 4:42:98; 3, C. Burgoyne (Can) 1:04.71; 300m; 1, M. Limpert (Can) 1:01.98; 2, B. Nieg (Crine) 1:04.71; 300m; 1, J. Malar (Can) 1:05; 2, R. Harris (Aus) 4:44:28; 3, C. Burgoyne (Can) 1:04.71; 300m; 1, M. Limpert (Can) 1:01.98; 2, B. Nieg (Crine) 1:04.71; 32; 2, K. Jaeke (Gen) 2:12.75; 3, J. Deglau (Can) 2:13.54.

HANOVER: ATP Tour world champ-ionship: Semi-linek: C Moya (Sp) bt T Henman (GB) 6-4, 3-8, 7-5; A Comate (Sp) bt P Sampres (US) 4-6, 6-3, 1-6 Final: bt P Sampras (US) 4-5. 6-3. 7-6 Final: Corretia bi Moya 3-6, 3-6, 7-5. 6-8, 7-5 FINAL 1998 ATP TOUR RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US); 2 M Roos (Citals; 3, A Corretia (Sp); 4, P Rather (Aus); 5, C Moya (Sp); 6, A Agassi (US); 7. T Hamban 8, K Kucera (Sovasia); 9, G Rusedski (GB); 10, R Krajicek (Holf).

ZABRZE, Poland: European women's team championship: Find division: White group: Finst Poland 2 Great Brigin 0 (K Straczy bt J Pullin 7-6, 7-6; A Oliza bt 9 Smith 7-6, 6-7, 6-2).

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World Cup European qualitying zone Pool three 85 Portugal Scotland: Tries: Mayer 3, J Leslie 2, Logan 2, Townsend 2, Bulloch, C. Murray, Peters, Poutney, Const. Hodge 10, Portuget: Try: Hollman, Peter Mourao, Dropped goal: International matches

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Second division north

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Nick Price holds aloft the Zimbabwe Open Trophy in Harare yesterday after a third victory in his home country tournament. His nine-under-par final round of 63 set a new record on a course he helped to redesign two years ago

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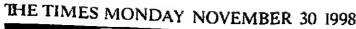
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On the eve of a State visit by President Herzog, Roger Boyes looks at Germany's new Government and its links with Britain

Europe's pivotal country looks to our youth



Youth are the key to the future of Europe: Roman Herzog, Germany's 64-year-old President, jokes with youngsters of the Albert Schweitzer Gymnasium in Brandenburg

ly voted into power in Spiember, promises a hlend of conthuity and innovation. But it is ugue on detail, Will Chancellor chröder's Government abandon ne economic orthodoxics of the rast ló years, or will it snatch ideas rom every ideological corner?

Will business start to think more n terms of short-term rewards. and of shareholder value, setting aside the careful corporate strategies that sometimes took decades to realise? Will Germany let itself become a muldcultural society? Will it gain or lose confidence as the capital moves from Bonn to Berlin?

President Roman Herzog, who visits Britain tomorrow, has been trying to prepare his country to be the Brilin Republic of the 21st century. But Germany is unsure whether it should stake a claim to be a global gower or just a regional force. Her Schröder enjoys a stronger posithn than most of his predeces-sos. His majority is strong and his jusior coalition partner, the Geens, are proving solid allies.

The Social Democrats dominate bch houses of Parliament, their noninees head the constitutional cort and the German equivalent ofMI5, and Johannes Rau, the Socid Democratic candidate, is likely toreplace President Herzog when hesteps down next spring.

locial Democratic supporters

ermany's new Social are in leading positions in the me-Democratic-Green Gov-dia. And throughout Europe there are like-minded governments that their club. Only now is it clear how isolated was Chancellor Kohl in his last year, how weakened his Chrisrian Democrace party.
Yet Herr Schröder has so far not

made much of his power, partly because he wants to assure everyone that a "Red-Green" Government is not the living nightmare once feared. Mainly, though, his hesitancy can be explained by the unresolved struggle for the soul of the Social Democratic party. Oskar Lafontaine, its chairman, is also Finance Minister and he makes no bones about his high position in the pecking order. He has already challenged the Bundesbank and is gear-ing up for a ducl with the European Central Bank: monetary policy, he believes, should be at one with government policy if unemployment is to be cut. Herr Lafontaine's target is the euro: he wants it to become a soft or "red" euro rather than the hard mark substitute that Chancellor Kohl was promoting. Chancellor Schröder's views on

this are fuzzy, although he swears he is committed to the independence of the Bundesbank, the European Central Bank and the stability of the euro. At heart, he does not believe that the switch from the mark to the euro matters much; the politicellorship to be measured against its ability to deliver jobs, and this will require many elements. The key struggle is between the Social Democraric modernisers grouped around the Chancellor (led by Bodo Hombach, his Minister without Portfolio) and the social conserva-rives aligned with Herr Lafontaine.

The German Social Democrats will have simultaneously to govern and to determine the character of their own movement. In the long term, the modernisers will win: Social Democratic modernisers argue that jobs in smokestack industries had to go to make space for new jobs. Herr Lafontaine cannot, as party chairman, defend the doomed coalminers and at the same time cut subsidies to the pits as Finance Minister.

he best perspective to view Germany is from 2006, because the Social Democrats have every chance of surviving, with or without the Green Party, for a second term. By then, the European Union will be larger, Germany's geo-political influence broader and the euro established as the onshore

Where Britain fits into this new order has to be determined over the next two years. Anglo-German relations have been defined over the past 16 years by our differing views cal adjustment forced by the euro of the European future. The mood matters more. He wants his chan- music between Britain and Germany is bener than at any time since the days of Helmut Schmidt and Jim Callaghan, and potenoally more fruitful. The idea of a Franco-German-British triplane will probably not get off the ground, but Britain can help Germany's modernis-ers and, in so doing, develop its own Anglo-German axis. That is the logic behind the working group set up between Herr Hombach and Peter Mandelson, the Trade Secre-mry. They will work out an approach to economic, welfare and European problems. Perhaps this conceals some old-fashioned thinking. the possibility that Germany could be tugged towards Britain rather than France, but the more charitable explanation is that Berlin and London sense that their destinies

have become entwined. Yet the future of the Anglo-German relationship hinges less on the growing-together of the polit-ical classes and more on capturing the imagination of the young. The declining number of British pupils learning German provides a sad counterpoint to the eagerness with which young Germans lap up information and trends coming from across the Channel. It has rarely been so important that British youth learn about and understand Germany. That is why President Herzog's visit is so heavily punctuated by meetings with young peo-ple in England and Scotland: it is a practical-attempt to drum op interest in Europe's pivotal country.

Roman's empire: no need to fear change

hange in Germany occurs at the speed of a glacier. That's how it seems in a society based on consensus: an elaborate system of checks and balances supposed to suck the drama out of political change, to mould a country devoid of surprise.

Now that image must be overhauled. Assumptions that held good for 16 years about the logic of taxation or the preferred source of German society began changing well before September's general election. From the mid-1990s, old habits and loyalties were being discarded. The Government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl failed to spot this creeping transformation.

One politician who did sense the new mood was Roman Herzog, the President. Like Herr Kohl, he has conservative credentials but It would be wrong to conclude that they are intellectual soulmates. Since coming to office in 1994, President Herzog has moved closer to his people just as the then chancel-lor was pulling up the drawbridge.

tone in his inaugural speech when he called for a more relaxed society, using the term unverkrampft, which means uncramped.

It seemed odd at the time. True. Herr Kohl wanted to make Germany a "normal" country, at ease with its past and ready to play a fuller part in the Western alliance. Was President Herzog appealing for something broader, a new understanding of Germany? Germans do not really know

what they want from their presidents. Although the post is ceremo-nial, it gives the holder the power to warn, admonish and encourage". President Herzog's pre-decessor, Richard von Weizsaecker, appeared to be the model of presdential behaviour. A high-minded aristocrat, he called on the country to be more tolerant at a time wheo neo-Nazis were attacking refugees. He filled in the many gaps left by Herr Kohl and tried to raise the level of moral and intellectual debate. President Herzog is an altogether different figure. Academically

and a lilting Bavarian accent. He listens to people, addresses their fears and tells them to take courage. Fear of failure is paralysing Germany as it faces the prospect of serious social and economic transformation. President Herzog sees il as his role to warn about the dangers in not moving forward.

e has sounded off about the deterioration of universities, the need for tax reform, the need to reduce bureaucracy and see other cultures as an enrichment, not as a threat. That principle applies to foreign policy and to facing up to history, an area in which the Kohl Government sometimes lost focus, for example. in its policy towards Eastern Europe. He says the political class must listen to the inner rbythms of the different tribes that make up the German people. Unverkrampft now has a clear political meaning: acknowledge your strengths and your weaknesses, accept the facts, trust the younger generation.

The bogeyman that haunts a nation is backing off

or half a century, social and economic consen-sus in Germany has ben glied together by the chronic fear of inflation. There is nothing surprising about this: the hyperinflation of the interway years had the effect of an emoional hurricane, devastating wes and life savings. It was a ley element in the rise of national socialism.

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in bigwage demands and, for the most part, unions caved in. The iflation argument invariably won the day. Now the fear f inflation seems to have ebbe. Consumer prices inchd up by 1.8 per cent in 1997 by barely 1 per cent this year and a 1.2 rise is predicted for 199. There is some anxiety abou a soft euro but, contrary to exectations, the new single currency played little part in the eneral election campaign. S what has replaced the bogyman of inflation? Chan-celle Kohl calculated that Germas had become more nervous about losing their jobs that about prices edging up. Duing his last two years in offie, unemployment seemed to b hurtling towards the five

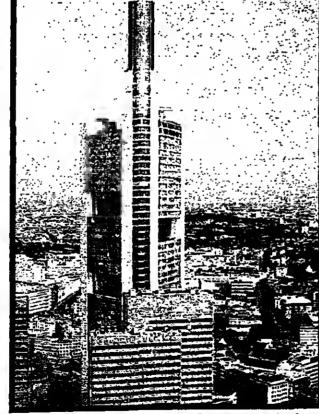
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The political calculus was that Germans would vote for a programme that guaranteed security, which promised that the euro would deliver jobs, and would not frighten busiress. But the fear of unemployment seems to have gripped only a seroon of society and has never come to resemble the atavisic terror of inflation.

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Oskar lafontaine, the Social Democra Finance Minister, has been stirring up new worries. Could Europe be poised on the bink of a depression? He is caleful not to go public with these sentiments, but he certainly rattled his coalition partners during the insmedi-



Sky-high targets: the HQ of Frankfurt's Commerzbank

Employment and job security now take top government priority

are post-election negoriarions. Germany had been partly shielded from the Asian and Russian financial crises but problems would soon begin to bite, he warned his colleagues. If the Government did not immediately depart from the path of Helmut Kohl, the economy would plunge into the dol-drums. And so it was that the coalioon, with surprisingly little resistance, bought into a programme described as Euro-Keynesian. a radical departure from the orthodoxies of the past 16 years.

The Government is working out ways of boosning domestic demand, creating new jobs junlike the Kohl team, it favours a European job pact), and co-ordinating monetary and fiscal policies (immediately challenging the Bundesbank to a duel

on interest rates). It is raising fuel taxes in order to fund cuts in labour costs. The motto is: energy should become more expensive, labour cheaper-

Yet, bit by bit, the Utopian policies of the Finance Minister are being chipped away. The Greens say they will not put up with new borrowing. The Bundesbank has no in-

tennion of cutting interest rates at present — which, at 3.6 per cent, are significantly lower than the rest of Europe, apart from France. A scheme to impose target zones for exchange rates has been put on the back burner after quiet advice from Dominique Strauss Kahn, the French Finance Minister. Other restraints can be expected. This is, after all, only the Government's second month in power. Confused signals are

thus emerging from the Gov-ernment. It is avowedly business friendly (Chancellor Schroeder is on the supervisory board of Volkswagen) and in favour of flexible working practices. Yet the tax loopholes it is closing punish business.

Bigger companies are modernising without Government help but smaller firms - the so-called Mittelstand, the real dynamo of the economy need protection and claim they are not getting it. Meanwhile, trades unions think their day has come. They, too, are likely to be disappointed as soon as the round-table Alliance For Jobs starts in December. Foreign direct investment in

Germany is significantly below that of Britain and is sure to be negatively influenced by Germany's new commitment to scrapping atomic energy. How will the Covernment fund the alternative energy sources? This open question, a continuing high level of income and corporate taxation, with high labour overheads: these remain the ball and chain of Germany's economy.

For all that, Germany's economy has surprising resilience and has developed a certain immunity to political change. Growth will approach 27 per cent this year and slip to 23 in 1999. That is not too bad and a long way from Herr Lafontaine's imagined depression.

Unemployment, even before the Government has started to do anything, is coming down and could average less than four million next year. That improvement, however, is almost entirely in western Germany. Only expensive job-creacon schemes are likely to dent the situation in eastern Germany.

Germany has become very vulnerable to storms around it. The beginning of the euro, it hopes, will guard it from the worst next year. But the world has become an uncertain place, with a third of the global economy in recession. It has to look more and more to its traditional strengths — its high productivity. skilled workforce, its export competitiveness - and learn to improvise solutions.

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eading German industrialists meeting in London on the eve of President Herzog's state visit this week had a simple message for Britain: join the euro. "We simply expect that Britain will eventually join the single currency," said Walter Hasselkus, chief executive of Rover.

Dr Hasselkus was speaking at a dinner - in effect, an Anglo-German business round table - organised by Mercedes-Benz Finance and The Times that addressed the issue of how the two countries could bridge the gap between business cultures. There was a quiet consensus about the euro, a solid certainty that Britain would have to join the club. "It is an emotional issue and there are many opposing points . . . but I do not believe the UK can escape," says Dr Hasselkus. If Britain were not to join the euro for, say, ten years, German investors would have to think again.

Thomas Kielinger, Die Welt's new London correspondent, agreed. "I have a hunch that Britain will have to go for the euro." he said, adding that it would be a critical moment in the country's history. "Never in history has Britain the nation. People have just got to come to a decision. It may have to do with the level of future German investment in Britain."

The German executives nodded their approval. There really is, in the German view, no escape from what Herr Kielinger called "His Majesty the euro".

The question of the level at which the pound should enter European Monetary Union - the executives were asked whether the current



Roger Boyes hears German executives discuss ways of increasing British productivity

rate of about 2.7 marks to the pound would work for German business — was shrugged off. "It's up to the markets," said Gerhard Storch, the chief executive of Hoechst UK. "Business will have to adapt." The key issue was whether, and how quickly, the euro learnt to fly. "When the euro proves itself the pound will come down," said Dr Manfred Huebener, the finance director of Bayer AG. "More interest-ing than the entry level of the pound is the prevailing interest rate in Euroland," chipped in Neil Mc-Millan who is the main European expert at Peter Mandelson's Department of Trade and Industry.

There has been much talk — not actually discouraged by No 10 — of Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor. being a German equivalent of Tony Blair. That was always rather far off the mark. But it did at least recognise a truth: that both countries have much to learn from each other. At a time of uncomfortable comparisons between British and German productivity levels, it was useful for the British participants to hear the views of Dr Hasselkus. As he and the other German executives talked. Rover executives were locked in negotiations with the unions about flexible working practices. Dr Hasselkus was not the only executive to strike a reassuring

ROUND TAFEL

☐ A dinner organised by Mercedes-Benz Finance and The Times, at the Café Royal, discussed how the two countries could bridge the business-

culture gap. At left is Patience Wheat-croft. The Times Business Editor, with Gebhardt von Moltke, the German

Ambassador, and Richard Whitton

Mercedes-Benz Finance chief execu-

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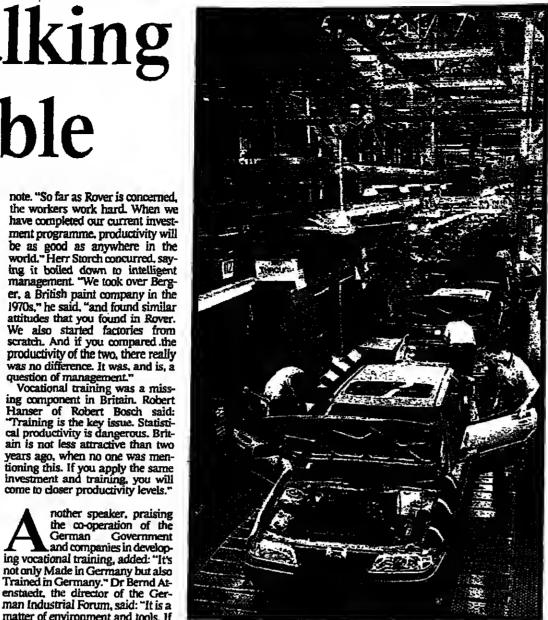
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Longbridge's Rover plant productivity has been much discussed

ents: well-placed investment, sensiunions, first-class training and, as Dr Hasselkus pointed out, lifting the social standing of engineers.

Ulirich Hoppe, the director-Chamber of Industry and Com-

merce, emphasised that Britain's tive management, co-operative higher staff turnover was a problem. "In Germany people stay longer with one company, so there is an incentive for investment as a company can recoup its investment," he general of the German-British said. There's a whole difference in



Cleaning up in the white goods market

Quality is the key to attracting British consumers, says Sue Spenceley Burch

t a time of huge competi-tion in the white goods market, Miele, the UK when the founders producd subsidiary of the German parent company, achieved a record turnover of £45 million, a growth of 42 per cent.

German companies such as Miele are renowned for quality goods. But how do they maintain sales in such a competitive market? In the len years since its UK chief executive. Michael Jeanes, joined the company, in-creasing globalisation has brought huge competition, particularly from the Far East, and the UK economy has been on a rollercoaster ride, with high mortgage rates, the pound enter-ing and then leaving the ex-change-rate mechanism, the Gulf war, two general elections and VAT rising to 17.5 per cent.

Yet Miele has grown consistently throughout, and forecasts UK sales of £49 million for 1998, an overall increase of £22 million in five years. Asked for the reasons behind this success. Mr Jeanes describes Miele as the Mercedes-Benz of the white goods market - a position, he says, increasingly appreciated by British consumers. He adds: There is a growing realisation that it makes sense to buy quality goods that are reliable, economical and built to last".

Much of this enthusiasm can also be attributed to Miele's environmental record. "On the Continent," Mr Jeanes says, "white goods all have energy labels, from A down to G."

The company invests in re-search and development designed to make its machines more "environmentally friend-ly". They now use less water and electricity, and any plastic parts are labelled so that they can be recycled. Mr Jeanes believes that, though environmental issues are now a low priority for of anywhere else.

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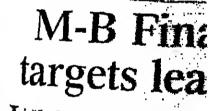
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and distribution. Worldwid. the company has a remarkably low staff turnover, and the UK no exception, where more that half of the current staff have been with the company fiv years or more, and more than third for ten years or more. M Jeanes ascribes this to the fac that Miele is still a family busi ness, and that it treats its staff as part of the family.

iele products are distributed mainly through independent white goods retailers and department stores. Mr Jeanes says: These retailers specialise in ex-plaining the features." Miele products are also now available in "multiple" stores such as Curry's and Comet. "We don't go into every multi-

ple store," says Mr Jeanes, "We select those in the right location that have space for a reasonable range. We train the store staff as we do the independents. Since we have been in the multiples, awareness has increased and business in the independents and department stores has also

Next year Miele will attack Dyson's leading position in the vacuum cleaner market, with a new product specifically d-signed to steal a chunk of the British market for upright clear ers — they are almost unhear



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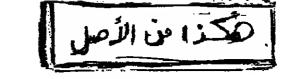
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Why big business aims to make it in Britain

he UK has long been a magnet for German business invesiment. Only America attracts more. Nearly a quarter of all German foreign investment is here, providing work for more than 180,000 people.

BMW. Siemens and Bosch. Hoechst, Bayer, BASF are among German companies that have merged into Britain's industrial landscape. Peter Mandelson, the Trade

and Industry Secretary, says: "Some 1,500 German companies are operating in the UK." Robert Hanser, Bosch UK's finance director, adds: "The Germans are here because they want to be close to a market of major strategic importance. Britain's open attitude to inward investment, flexible approach to regulation and relatively low levels of taxation ceptance of the EU Social

David Rudnick reveals ten good reasons for success in attracting new commercial investment to the UK

are additional attractions." So are low production costs. The German Economics In-

stitute reports that average hourly labour costs are DM29 (about £10.30) in the UK. DM33 in former East Germany and DM48 in western Germany. Higher social security charges partly explain this gap, but Germany's basic wage rates are also uncompetirive. UK wage rates fall below every OECD country in Europe.) except for Spain. Ireland. Greece and Portugal.

Bernd Atenstaedt, deputy diretor of the German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce, believes that acCharter has not diminished Britain's appeal to German investors, "It was expected. Every modern industrial country has a duty to its employees."

He adds that Britain's Labour government "is as helpful and favourable to German business as its predecessor, whose policies it is continuing". But he is less sanguine for business prospects in Germany after the recent change of government there. "Green influence will mean business having to pay higher energy and environmental taxes." He agrees that it could stimulate

terms from Britain's Export Credit Guarantee Depart-ment, he says, than they do further migration abroad. He believes that UK legislafrom its German counterpart. tion protects the environment

On the debit side, the perennial German complaint remains that British industrial apprentices are not properly

"It is expensive for employers to have to send young machine operators to Germany for training," Herr Atenstaedt says. "We would like the Government to share the cost by helping to fill the gap in ongoing training programmes in Britain."

Another complaint is the lack of cross-country motorway links from east coast ports to the Midlands, Wales and the West. Inadequate rail access for delivering freight to factories is also a sore point.

German railways are more cost-effective and less subject to delays than road deliveries. So more investment in infrastructure is necessary.

Bosch celebrates a hundred years in the UK

How a flexible British workforce and successive Governments have helped the engineering giant

osch is celebrating its Centenary in the UK.

David Rudnick writes. From humble beginnings in 1898 the German engineering group has grown to be one ol the UK's largest European investurs with 3,000 employees, annual sales approaching £t billion and expons worth £200 million to UK plc.

The anniversary has been marked by a gala dinner at the City of London's Guildhall and the award of an honorary KBE (Knight of the British Empire) 10 Marcus Bierich, chairman of Bosch Supervisory Council for his contribution in British-German relations. An exhibinon, Innovation By Design: 100 years of Bosch in the UK, has drawn crowds at London's

Design Museum.
The company makes and distributes an extraordinary range of products in this coun-try. Everyone knows Bosch as a leading car component maker. But it also produces gas and oil-fired heating systems in Worcester and Clay Cross, Derbyshire, and high-tech packaging machinery at Denham in Buckinghamshire. Everything from fridges and dishwashers to ovens and vacuum cleaners is made at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, in a joint venture with Siemens.

Bosch has recently acquired Aico-Qualcast, lawnmowers and garden equipment maker based in Slowmarket, Suffolk, But the jewel in the crown is the plant at Miskin, near Cardiff, which produces compact alternators for car-makers worldwide. More than 15 million alternators have been manufactured since production started in 1991, making this one of Bosch's biggest investments outside Germany.

Bosch attributes the success of the investment largely to the receptiveness of successive British Governments to inward investment and the helpful attitude of the Welsh Development Agency. But the compa-

whose efforts allow production to run 24 hours a day, seven

days a week.
The South Wales plant has of Excellence award. The facto- and academic study, its qualificontributed to its success.

In 1996 the company's Blauadvanced in-car navigation system. Travel Pilot, to the UK. It provides drivers with audible and visual instructions on how to get to their destinations. The radio phone launched last year is an innovative combination of car radio and hands-free mobile phone. To help customers and dealers to keep up with these new technologies, Bosch runs a conference and demonstration centre at its UK head-

quarters in Denham, A cornersione of the company's Brinish power tools division is its focus on education and training. In a pioneering project, schools and colleges throughout the UK have been learning about the design and safe use of power tools in their creative work. The Bosch school's package,

The Power To Create, is aimed at pupils aged 14 to 16. It fol-



Marcus Bierich of Bosch receives the KBE from Sir Paul Lever, the British Ambassador to Germany

ny also acknowledges its high-ly-skilled, flexible workforce guidelines of GCSE design and technology and GNVQ art and design.
The European Vocational

College, co-founded by Bosch. won Rover Group's Supplier combines practical training ry'st location — convenient for supplying the bulk of the UK car industry in the Midlands wear Bosch recruits two graduvia the M4 and M5 - has also ares as commercial trainces. It is all a far cry from 100 years In 1996 the company's Blau-punkt division introduced the Bosch opened his first overseas office in London.

> ■ Another German company with a British presence is Bay-er, the original producer of Aspirin. One of the world's largest chemical companies. Baver has been active in the UK for more than a century.

Bayer began life invening and later manufacturing chemicals, starting with fabric dyes in the ISous.

The company's business now include photography and imaging - through its Agfa-Gevaert subsidiary - animal health products for domestic pets and farm livestock, medical diagnostics, over-the-counter medicines such as Alka-Seltzer and Canesten,

crop-protection agents such as seed dressings, fungicides and pesticides, food flavourings and fragrances, organic and inorganic chemicals, plastics, polyurethanes and rubber products, fibres and textiles, films and surface coatings.

Bayer has a small manufacturing base in the UK and Ireland, through joint ventures with companies such as Polymer Latex in Bromsgrove. which makes latex solutions for use in carpets and training

Bayer also produce a glass-fibre-reinforced polyamide which is bonded to steel plate and is used in the front end of the new Ford Focus. The Focus front end is said to be at least 40 per cent lighter than if it had hybrid components.

M-B Finance targets leasing

t was no accident that Mercedes-Benz Finance standing start to a £1.3 billion chose to locate its West European operation at Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire. Britain has the most developed financial services sector in Europe.

More than 30 German financial banks and insurance companies — including Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank (which took over Kleinwort Benson) and the insurance group Allianz (which owns Cornhill Insurance) — are active in the UK.

Alexander Weissleder, the managing director of Mercedes-Benz Finance, says: "In terms of activity. the UK accounts for 40 per cent of the vehicle leasing in Western Europe and is the third-biggest market in the world after the US and Germany."

Hire-purchase and leasing are big contributors to sales. Twenty-six per cent of all Mercedes vehicles sales in Britain are arranged through Mercedes-Benz Finance. As a nation, we prefer to buy now and pay later, a trend reinforced by the buying muscle of corpo-rate car fleets and commercial vehicle and coach operators. Since setting up Mercedes-Benz Finance in 1989. Herr Weissleder has watched the



Weissleder: quality service

asset base. Herr Weissleder says: "Contract hire and leasing have been a radical deparlure. It is a more sophisticated service . . deals hinge on your ability to calculate a vehicle's residual value. Our strengths are quality of service and a reasonable price."

In running the centralised engine operation for Western Europe. Herr Weissleder neveriheless grants great autonomy to the different national operations. Despite being a pan-European operation, the dayto-day running of car fleets is a very localised business. The fact that, in Britain, we drive on the opposite side of the road to the rest of Europe is of

no consequence.

Mercedes-Benz Finance is now tweaking its computer systems to handle the euro and the millennium date change. The euro will simplify the currency calculations. and already economic harmonisation and converging of inlerest rates among the 11 countries planning to join the first wave of the new currency has

made matters easier. Herr Weissleder believes that Britain will eventually see the logic of being part of a single currency and move into

The UK will sooner or later join the curo — not in the next six months perhaps, but in two, three or four years," he says. 'The euro has a positive impact for those countries participating and the market will just become bigger. And you can become more efficient as differences between countries are reduced and VAT rates are harmooised.

STEPHEN HOARE



High hopes for slimline Hoechst

oechst is one of the best-known German compa-nles — or should that be was? For the chemicals and pharmaceuticals giant that was set up 135 years ago and established a presence in Britain 90 years ago is coming to the end of three years of planning and transformation.

Last week. Hoechst confirmed that it was in merger talks with Rhone-Poulenc, its French rival. Like many companies with operations spread around the globe, Hoechsi has found that the sprawling conglonierates of the 1980s must become world leaders in one or two chosen fields in the 1990s rather than be also-rans in several fields.

Jürgen Dormann, Hoechst's group chairman, remarked earlier this year: "Step by step, we are creatnew, forward-looking

well enough, but with more

flexibility and without impos-

ing huge costs on business. He dismisses the old clich of

lazy, strike-prone British work-

ers drinking tea all day. "La-bour relations are excellent,"

he says. "Unions are stronger now in Germany." Another at-

traction - Britain and its Com-

monwealth trading partners

makes the UK an ideal base

for accessing those worldwide

German companies general-

ly get better trade insurance

Gerhard Storch, chief executive of Hoechst UK, says: "The transformation of the old Hoechst companies in all parts of the world has been dramatic and all-embracing. I hope that we have dealt with it in a humane and beneficial way as far as employ-

ees are concerned." Herr Dormann has achieved a fundamental change that many thought beyond him: he has filtered out the old German-based management structure and replaced it with a global management system that is the envy of many rivals.

Hoechst AG, the German parent company, has becoming a holding company with responsibility for strategy and the long-term competioveness of the group's portfolio

while eight individual businesses stand alone, competing in their respective market places. Its shares, long listed on the Frankfurt and Lon-

listed on Wall Street. Hoechst has been changing the businesses it is in, as well as its management structure, and has not been afraid to ditch its traditional spheres. This month in announced that it was spinning off its industrial chemicals businesses, Celanese and Ticona, by listing them as separate companies in Frankfurt and New

Hoechst had hoped to sell Celanese for cash but deteriorating markets in Asia and America, plus the financial crisis in Russia, scuppered

those plans. More successful, despite an unfor-

tunate hiccup, has been the plan to sell the coatings division. Herberts. A deal was struck earlier this year to sell Herberts to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR), the American investdon stock exchanges, are now also ment firm and takeover specialist. But last month KKR balked at the

price last month. DuPont, also of the US, had no such qualms. It snapped up Herberts for the agreed price, becoming in the process the biggest maker of car paint in the world.

Hoechst, before and after its transformation, is big business. Herberts has annual sales of nearly £1 billion and employs 7,500 people.

strategy. The future, Herr Dormann believes, is in "life sciences". In the case of Hoechsi that means pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals.

Yet it does not fit into the Hoechst

These, too, are subject to Hoechst's global transformation which will, within the next couple of years, see Hoechst UK wound up after more than 50 years, as individual operations are regrouped under the eight global stand-alone companies.

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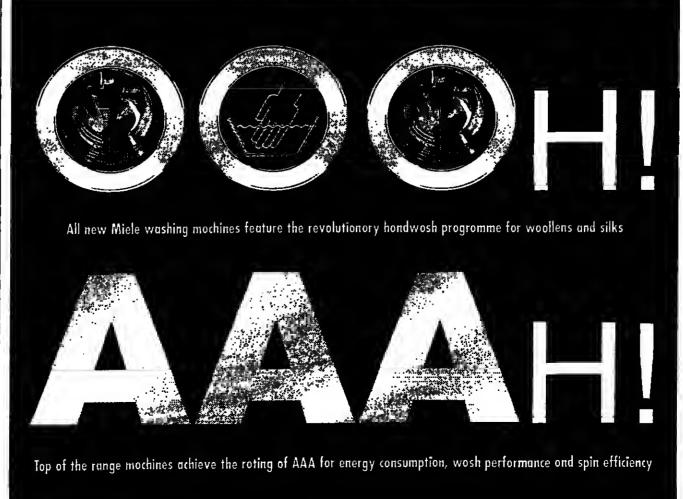
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Openings beckon in east

lowed the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany's unificacon Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, insisted that East 20 per cent of those of working Germany would turn into a age. High labour costs, bu-"blossoming landscape" just as soon as the rundown communist east of the country was joined with its prosperous western neighbour. In the eight years since Ger-

man unification, Herr Kohl has had to eat his words on more than one occasion. Many now argue that the inac-curacy of this single remark drove his ruling Christian Democratic Party from government in last September's general election.

To outsiders, eastern Germany appears more like an economic wasteland than a landscape in bloom. Unemplayment in the whole of Germany stands at four million the highest level reached since the 1930s. Eastern Germany bears the brunt of the prob-lem; joblessness affects about East Germany has paid a tough price for unification but its economy is now on the up, says Anthony Grant

reaucracy, the reluctance of German banks to provide start-up capital and union insistence on wage parity with west German workers are just some of the reasons commonly cited for the region's apparent economic malaise. Yet the impression is mis-

leading because, paradoxically. Herr Kohl's promise is coming true: in more than a few senses, east Germany has started to outstrip the western region as a region worthy of foreign investment. "An increasing number of

businessmen, union leaders and Government officials in the east have realised that racing after the west German model is racing into a blind alley of uncompetitiveness," says Hans Christoph von Rohr, head of Germany's top of the list, followed by environmental liabilities. Industrial Investment Council

Herr von Rohr says it is not

difficult to persuade investors

that most of these concerns are

groundless. While environ-

mental liabilities are taken

care of by the Government,

east Germany - unlike the

west - is proving to be a high-

ly flexible and comparatively

Seventy-five per cent of

wage deals in the east are

agreed outside union-manage-

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(IIC), a government agency with the specific task of promoting investment in the east. In the two years that the agency has been in existence, the IIC has managed to secure more than I billion marks (about £357 million) worth of new business for the region and, though he is reluctant to talk about the details. Herr von Rohr says that the outlook could hardly be better.

o find out what potential investors really thought about eastern Germany, the IIC asked McKinsey to poll 500 business leaders. The results were surprising; concern about costs came only third on the list of investors' worries. Fear about inflexibility came

mainder, the need to stay competitive means that they now almost universally work out wage and working agreements independently. That makes the east a better place to invest."

Pressure to create jobs has also obliged local authorities to jettison time-consuming practices that only five years ago made obtaining permission to start a business a bureaucratic ordeal. Though east Germany may not yet have achieved American standards, getting a busi-ness permit now takes roughly three weeks as opposed to three months. At the same time, German banks have drawn on the experience of their Angio-Saxon counter-

parts to ease their previously

than their western counterrestrictive lending policies. parts, they are more flexible. Herr von Rohr says: "It is only the very large con-"Over the past three years. cerns that have parent compawe have come about 80 per nies in the west that still stick cent of the way towards the to the collective system," Herr von Rohr says. "For the re-

British know-how and German energy put a new factory on the map

ast Germany and plasterboard are not exact. ly words that conjure up the notion of business success. Yet in a field that used to east has made beloog to a state-run collective farm on the outskirts of Berthe Operation lin. the combination is proving virtually unbeatable.
Four years ago the British

building materials giant. BPB, and its newly acquired German subsidiary. Rigips. decided it was essential for the company to gain a foothold in the new markets that were

emerging in east Germany and neighbouring Poland. After negotiating with the state of Brandenburg, the company invested nearly £45 million in the construction of a green field plasterboard manufacturing site at Brieselang close to Berlin.

The factory was built in a record 16 months and currently rates as the largest and most modern of its kind in

The investment was more than just a recipe for moderate growth. "The developments on the German market are beyond oor wildest expectations" admits Jean Pierre Cluny, a member of the BPB board.

This is partly as a result of German reunification but also because of our own initiative in supporting a product which has proved itself on every important industrial

In east Germany, a region that has been going through a huge reconstruction programme since the collapse of the postwar communist re-gime, BPB discovered a ready-made market for its plasterboard products.

Not only were thousands of buildings being renovated but plasterboard had barely established itself as a building material as it had already done so in the west. Another key factor made

the idea of setting up a plant at Brieselang worthwhile from an environmental as well as an economic standinitiative in the

kind on the Continent

point. Traditionally. eastern Germany has relied heavily on lignite as an energy source. During the Communist era, it was smoke from ligniteburning power stations that was one of the region's chief sources of atmospheric pollu-

the largest of its

After unification, one of the first actions of the federal Government was to equip all of east Germany's lignite-fuelled power plants with fillers. One of the by-products of the initia-tive has been an unlimited supply of gypsum which is extracted by the filters from lignite smoke.

As gypsum is the chief component in plasterboard. BPB found itself with a never-ending supply of high-quality raw material on its doorstep.

ow the Brieselang plant turns out 50 millioo metres of plasterboard annually - a production level that operation of its kind in the world. The plant operates around the clock for 49 weeks a year and closes down only to clean and service the production line.

The Brieselang plant has paid for itself in the two years since its completion.

BPB treats the factory as a model and frequently flies in visitors from its other 80 plants in 40 different countries worldwide to study methods of production.

At the same time BPB runs a training programme at Brieselang which has been designed specifically to teach construction workers how to use plasterboard as a building Klaus Klobes, the strategic THE TIMES MOND

marketing expert for the concern, says demand for BPB products is unlikely to fall off after the current building boom in east Germany is

He says: "Our research shows that there is likely to be a growth in demand for the material in the east because it will be used increasingly in renovation work."

At the same time, the group has already started to make inroads into the Polish market. The Brieselang plant currently exports some 20 per cent of its output to Germany's eastern oeighbour and has plans to open a Polish plant as soon as demand in-

et when touring the Brieselang plant, the visitor is immediately struck by the absence of people. Despite its massive pro-duction rate. Brieselang employs only 139 workers' who operate round the clock in ght-hour shifts.

Because of the region's high unemployment rate. BPB had no difficulty in finding and recruiting trained engineers to work at the factory and wage levels are only 80 per cent of those in western Germany.

In many respects BPB's east German venture epitomises what is happening elsewhere on the region's industrial front Large companies can and do make a killing by being given a relatively free band to set up highly automised industries of the future. Without doubt it is indus-

tries such as these that are contributing to east Germany's eradual economic upturn. But for Germany's politicians and four million-plus jobless, the fact that, comparatively, they employ very few people will remain a problem.

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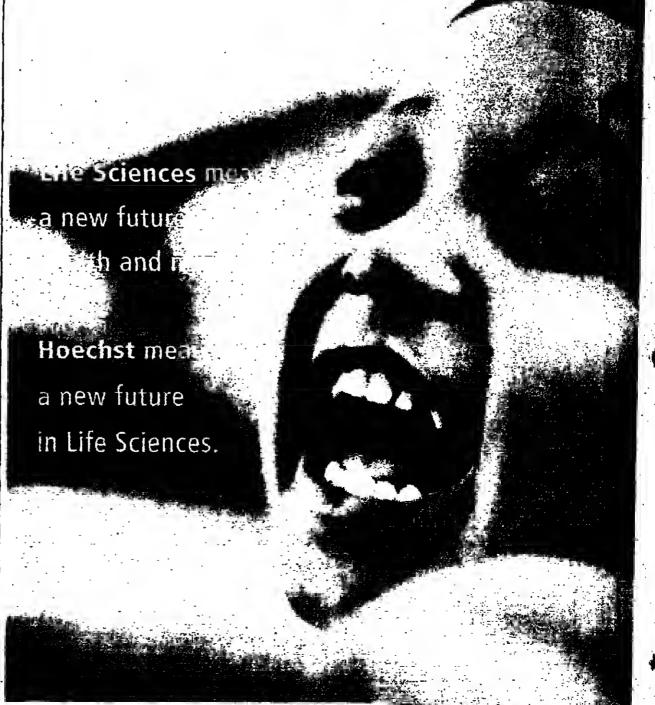
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Carlton to broadcast figures Fresh hope of double depressed by ONdigital

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CARLTON: Final results, due out tomorrow, will be depressed by the pre-launch costs of ONdigital, the digital terrestrial broadcasting joint venture between Cariton Communications and Granada.

Michael Green, chairman who last week bolstered the board with the appointment of Steven Cain as a youthful 34-year-old chief executive, will no doubt outline prospects for the digital service.

Because of the start-up costs. pre-tax profits are likely to be down on last year's £326.7 million. Brokers forecast falls to a range of £290 million to £310 million with earnings a share declining from 31.4p to 29.6p. Operating profits should edge up to £321.5 million.

ONdigital is likely to be about 625 million. But profits will also have been held back by a worsening trading climate at its Video & Sound Products division, which is likely to see profits fall by about 40 per cent to £32 million. The main cause of the setback has been a collapse of business in the Far East. Problems in the US have also taken a toll.

At least profits in the video duplicating and film services division are strong, both probably rising by about 16 per cent to £78.5 million and £67 million respectively.

Profits from Carlton's broadcasting arm, which owns the London weekday television franchise, may have inched just 3 per cent ahead to £158 million. Brokers blame slow ITV revenue growth and higher costs. The payout should grow from 12.4p to 13.7p despite the setback to profitability.

GEC: Interim results due on Thursday are expected to reveal pre-tax profits between £440 million and £469 million against £442 million a year earlier. Any trends will be clouded by re-structuring, including disposals of more than £1 billion and the flotation of its stake in Alstom.

Earnings a share should come in at 10.8p (10.1p), paving the way for an interim dividend of 3.66p to 4.8p against 3.43p. Analysts will want to know what the group has planned for its telecoms and defence in-

terests although GEC has indi-



Michael Green's appointment of the youthful Steven Cain will come under the spotlight

cated that it is now satisfied with its structure. Even so, analysts are not excluding announcements, in particular the disposal of some of its telecoms interests. There has been talk of the sale of the GPT telecoms equipment unit to Alcatel in return for a share of its defence interests.

But such a deal could not go

ahead now because the terms of GEC's acquisition in June of Siemens's 40 per cent stake in GPT prevent GEC selling GPT for another year Further speculation has GEC planning an outright merger with Alcatel Williams de Broë, the broker, expects GEC to post pre-tax profits of £440 million, earnings of 10.7p and an interim dividend of 3.66p.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO: There has been evidence of revived institutional support during the past couple of weeks for the tobacco companies as the US groups complete their settlement with Medicaid.

According to BT Alex Brown, the broker, full-year pre-tax profits - due out today are set to come in at about E335 million (E307 million). Earnings per share are also set to grow from 40.7p to 45p.

Rizla is set to make a lasting impression with a strong contribution, while the results will also include several months of DEVN. International profits will be bolstered by the increase in duty-free volumes and the benefit of the boomerang trade, whereby cheap cigarettes are exported to countries such as Belgium before finding their way back into this country. The group's market share remains stable, but competitive pressures are growing. The payout should be up from 21.4p to 23.1p.

GUS: This year's acquisition of Argos by Great Universal Stores will attract plenty of attention when the mail order and stores group unveils halfyear results on Thursday. The £1.9 billion deal was the culmination of an aggressive £3.3 billion acquisioon programme that saw ten deals struck during a two-year period and left GUS almost £2 billion in debt. Because of the seasonality of

the business, brokers are braced for a profits downturn. Estimates range from £200 mil-lion to £220 million which compares with £237.5 million for the corresponding period. Earnings a share will have declined from about 16.2p to 14.6p. Experian, the first of its big

acquisitions, will coolinue to justify its role with further strong profits growth. But there is unlikely to be much relief for Burberrys, which is expected to decline by a further 4 per cent to £126.5 million. Analysts will no doubt focus

on trading and what sort of sales growth can be achieved in the run-up to Christmas. Expect the dividend to be increased by 1p to 7p.

RBS: Royal Bank of Scotland can expect a grilling from ana-

ysts when it reports year-end figures on Thursday. In recent weeks its share price has staged a comeback on intense speculation of a merger with

Halifax or Barclays. Speculation aside, Royal Bank's underlying business remains strong, although BT Alex Brown expects a neardoubling of bad debts to £296 million. House broker Credit Lyonnais forecasts a 22 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £930 million, against a market consensus of about £918 million, but watch out for a couple of exceptionals including a £57

million disposal gain. Earnings per share are forecast at between 60p and 65p, while the net dividend is expected to be about 24p. The outlook for Royal Bank looks fair, so long as it can keep the lid on costs: the growth in expenses is projected to slow to 8 per cent during the second half.

BASS: Hotels are likely to be the key driver for the brewing and leisure group on Thursday, as it seeks to persuade the City that the collapse of its share price after its September trading update was overdone. Although the shares have recovered, closing at 877p on Friday, they are well south of the heights of almost £12.00 in the summer.

The problems have largely been in its domestic operations, where pub profits - al-though ahead for the year have seen a slowdown in the second half. Investors will be keen to get a handle on the underlying performance of its

eer business. On the hotels side, Holiday Inn will have had a solid year, but the focus will be on the first set of figures from Inter-Condnental Hotels, acquired in March for £1.77 billion.

BT Alex Brown forecasts a 10 per cent decline in normalised pre-tax profits to £645 million; underlying earnings per share should be flat at 55.6p. Disposals will mean a 7 per cent fall in operating profits, but the divi-dend should rise to 30p (27.5p).

ALLDERS: The department store group is expected to report today pre-tax profits of be-tween £19 million and £19.5 million, down from £23.1 million last time. A total dividend of 8.4p to 8.9p, up from 8p last

MICHAEL CLARK

or quits for all but the stalest of bears

o it's all over. Last week, the Dow Jones industrial average finally recovered all of the losses registered since July and went on to set a new high. Even though London has not been quite so exuberant, the FTSE 100 index stands only just below its July peak.

Presumably we can now relax - except for the panic to get fully invested again, before the market roars away. Regular readers of this column will know that with regard to equities, I am what the professionals call a stale bear although, given that this bearishness had seemed richly vindicated until the last powerful rally, "reheated bear" month's perhaps would be more apposite. And to me, the world looks an even more dangerous place than it

did in July.

Admittedly, you could just about persuade yourself that Japan is on the turn. As a seasoned observer recently remarked, there is a limit to how long even the Japanese authorioes can go on doing the wrong thing - and they have long since passed it. Meanwhile, the much-

feared credit crunch and collapse of liquidity can now be viewed, from the safe vantage of daylight, as no more than childish nightmares.

Yet prospects in the EU have darkened considerably. and the Chinese economy is struggling. In the United States, despite recent upward revisions to the growth numbers, serious problems lurk. Sometime soon, businesses will want to reduce their surplus stockholdings by cutting production. Meanwhile, the US trade deficit has already swollen to gargantuan proportions and threatens to rise further. Most strikingly. US citizens are now collectively doing no saving at all. Indeed, the savings ratio has turned negative.

Americans have never been the world's greatest savers, but this really takes the biscuit. They are treating the gains on their stock market holdings as part of their income. Fine, while the market keeps posting double-digit percentage gains, but what happens when it doesn't?



They will surely try to rebuild their savings by spending

But before July's crash, the real bear case for equiões was not based on doom-laden economic prospects, nor on the notion that the world would be plunged into chaos by a Russian default, nor on the fear that an institution, deranged by too high a dose of Nobel prizes, would bet the equivalent of a medium-sized country's GDP - and lose. All along, the case was much more prosaic. In relation to the prospects for corporate earnings, equioes were simply too high. Some day, the markets would see sense. The events of July and August simply provided the wake-up call.

This reasoning still holds good, Indeed, if the economies of the West slow down, never mind plunge into recession. then the corporate earnings outlook will be even worse. Across the world, businesses are already struggling to raise prices. In the US, despite the booming economy, inflation is running at less than 2 per cent, in Europe less than I per cent. From oil to cars to microchips, the world now has an excess of productive capacity.

Businesses try to fend off price competition, but as consumer spending slows, the pressure for through-put will mean that prices will have to come down. Then corporate earnings will fall sharply and the game will be up. Falling equities will encourage higher saving in America, and that will intensify the squeeze on corporate earnings, which will justify lower equity prices. and so on, until recession

I realise that, currently, this view does not cut much ice in the stock market. Apparently,

ter of supply and demand. There are huge flows of money that have to go into equities, and a limited supply of stock. So bingo, the price just has to keep going up. The fact that at today's valuations, equities cannot yield anything like the returns that they have over the past 20 years is quite beside the point.

This argument would be more persuasive if there were any evidence that investors piling into equities had come to terms with the idea of very low prospective returns. But, on the contrary, they seem to believe that equities are bound to produce super returns. In the 1987 crash, US private investors rushed to sell shares after the market had fallen, only to see it gradually recover. Never again. they vowed. Those guys who said that even if you bought equities at the worst possible time they would still outperform in the end were right. keep buying.

Once stocks start rising on this principle, there are powerful forces propelling them higher. The index-tracking funds, of course, are buyers, but even the active ones who had been cautious feel the pressure to get in, for fear of a few more quarters of serious underperformance. Yet the trouble with this argument, which purports to be about supply and demand, is that it makes no reference to prices. Accordingly, it says nothing about how prices are determined. Or, to put it another way, it could justify any level of the stock market you care to choose.

You could argue from this that the current bull run will continue a long way but, no, I am not going to join the stampede. At some point, something will happen to bring investors up short. And when it does, the events of this year the plunge and then sharp recovery of equities, the yoyoing of government bond yields, the revelation of incomnetence and skulduggery in financial markets, the bailouts and the panic - will intensify investors' fears and make the subsequent crash all the greater. Reheated I may be, but repentant I am not.

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Berta Malazak

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TOMORROW

Interims: Amberley Group, East Surrey Holdings, Hazlewood Foods, Hogg Robinson, Scottish Invest-ment Trust, Wagon, Finals: Carlton Communications, Character Group, Get Group, Sanderson, SCS Uphol-stery, Shaftsbury, Economics: Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply November manufacturing sector survey. Confederation of British Industry service sector survey. WEDNESDAY

Interims: Alba, Birkby, Compco

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THE Bundesbank meeting on Thursday is likely to hold the market's attention in an otherwise quiet week. The consensus remains that the Bundesbank will not cut rates before handing over its mandate to the European Central Bank in January. However, there are a growing number of market voices arguing that growth in Germany has been sufficiently curtailed by the global economic problems for it to cut rates safely.

The US markets will be back at work after last week's Thanksgiving Holiday interruption, with the US employment data on Friday providing the chief focus. The market expects November payrolls, which are boosted by seasonal employment, to show a relative-ly modest increase of 171,000 compared with 116,000 in October. The November National Association of Purchasing Managers (NAPM) index published later today should also provide evidence of the weakening rend in the U5 manufacturing sector. Economists expect the NAPM index to dip further,

indicating a continued decline in manufacturing activity. In Britain only secondary data is being published this week, but with next week's interest rate decision again looking a close-run thing, economists will look closely for any new signs of excessive weak-ness. On Monday October consumer credit data is expected to show personal borrowing de-clining in line with the slowdown in retail sales. And the CBI November distributive trades survey on Thursday will provide the first clue as to whether retail sales have failed to pick up going into the Christ-mas period.

ALASDAIR MURRAY | ference organised by the Eng-

Accountancy regulation set for shake-up

BY ROBERT BRUCE

IAN McCARTNEY, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, will today announce firm plans for reforming regulation of the accountaing regulation to the accountainty profession. The structure, which combines statutory authority with some input from practiconers, is likely to become a blueprint for regula-

The regulatory structure is expected to be based around an independent foundation headed by a public appointee, similar to the American profession's Public Oversight Board. The umbrella board would oversee a review board which would be able to pick up any issues within the profession

over which it had concerns and initiate changes. It would run a separate board controlling ethics.
Contrary to the original proposals, the foundation would also run a statutory equivalent

of the Auditing Practices Board. The structure of an umbrella body with three operating boards would be similar to that of the Financial Reporting Council. Mr McCartney is expected

to unveil the plans during a speech this afternoon at a con-

lish ICA's corporate finance

Apart from the direct oversight of auditing, the plans are expected to follow closely the profession's original proposals The intention is to build a

strong system that would rely heavily on its own initiative to bring about reform and a stronger regulatory focus within the profession. The reforms had originally been flagged in the Labour election manifesto. At the ome, Labour policy coincided with proposals for

reform that had been spearheaded within the profession by Chris Swinson, the current president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

In September the DTI indicated that today's consultative document was likely to be close to Mr Swinson's proposals, news that he said was "as close to a slam-dunk as you are likely to get". The changes are likely to mean that the board has more non-accountants than accountants.

The consultative document is expected to be open for con-sultation until the end of January and the DTI would like to have the new framework in place by the end of next year.



Surfing the City: the man without the suit is Charles Muirhead, 23, founder of Orchestream, But he is not alone. Roeland Boonstoppel. far left, Hermann Hauser, left, and Gerry Montanus, centre, are members of a venture capital consortium providing £5 million to develop Orchestream's answer to overcrowded Internet Protocol networks, which involves giving priority to key data rather than huying expensive capacity for peak times. Sydney O'Hara, right, and Ashley Ward, far right, deputy chairman and chief operating officer, provide management

West kept lending to Russia up to default

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

WESTERN banks carried on lending substantial amounts to Russia right up to the point when it effectively defaulted and devalued in mid-August, according to figures published today by the Bank for Interna-

tional Settlements.
Lending to Central and Eastern Europe, including Russia, rose by \$2.7 billion (£1.6 billion) in the second quarter after an increase of \$3.3 billion in the first. The BI5 said that lending to

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Berisford, Abbot Mead Vickers.

Russia partly constituted the purchase of Russian government securities by internationally active banks, providing "fur-ther evidence of the persistence of bank financing to the country until the outbreak of the crisis".

The Basle-based bank said that events in Russia in mid-August should be seen as part of a "series of mutually reinforcing events which have highlighted a number of deficiencies in the world financial

system". Updated figures on bank lending for the first half of this year show a "massive withdrawal" of international banking funds from emerging economies in Asia totalling \$52 billion. Loans outslanding to Korea and Thailand, for example, fell tu 1995 levels.

At the same time banks further lifted their recognition of other

er lifted their exposure to other areas of the developing world, notably Lutin America, where lending rose by \$15 billion.

Liberty options plan

The Sunday Times: Buy New Look, Debenham Tewson & Chin-nocks; Hold Tl Group, Stakis, Bass: Sell Dawson Holdings. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Royal Bank of Scotland, Friendly Hotels, AEA Technology, Maralan, Easyn-et Group, Bass; Hold Marley; Sell Pearson, Dixons. The Observer: Buy FKI; Sell Asda, Granada. The Mail on Sunday: Bay Monsoon, Merchant Retail Group; Hold

SHAREHOLDERS in Liber-

ty, who have seen the value of their investment in the department store more than halve this year, are being asked this week to agree to nearly 600,000 more options being issued for senior management (Sarah Cunningham writes). Some shareholders have indicated that they will question the board about the new op-

tions at an extraordinary meet-

ing to be held on Wednesday. The board wants to include senior managers below board level in the notions plan. Currently 2.5 per cent of the issued share capital can be held under option and grants made this year to the new managing direc-tor, Michele Jobling and finance director, Brian Muirhead, take up all that allowance. Liherty shares closed at a fiveyear low ol 142%p on Friday.

Telecom stake set to raise £4.4bn

The French Government is set to reap Fr41.4 billion (£4.36 biltion) from the sale of a second tranche of France Telecom's capital, after fixing the share price at Fr400, with a Fr10 discount for small investors. The shares closed at Fr410 on Friday. Three million individuals have applied for their share of the 10 per cent stake that is being floated.

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With the Government also authorising a 2 per cent share authorising a 2 per cent share exchange deal with Deutsche Telekom, worth about Fr8 billion, the French state will emerge with a 62 per cent stake in France's telecommunications giant. At present, the State owns 75 per cent.

Trade gap fears

The Institute of Manufacturing says that Britain's underlying trade performance may be even worse than implied by September's trade figures, which showed a record monthly deficit. The IoM claims pub-tished trade data does not take into account orders de-layed, cancelled and reduced in the past few months and that the trade gap is set to widen in the next two quarters.

Car finance deals
New c... finance deals during the third quarter - which in cludes the vital August regis-tration month — fell at an annual rate of 0.9 per cent. according to Equifax, the credit information company. Earlier in the year growth peaked at an annual rate of t8 per cent.

Property fund

Chesterton International, the quoted property company, has joined forces with its private rival Rotch Property Group to manage a £100 million fund, called the Rochestrer Fund, specialising in investing in buildings with short leases.

Electronic Liffe

The switch from open outery to electronic trading at Liffe, the futures and options market, begins today. The first contracts to go by contracts to go to the new system are for individual equity options. It is hoped that all instruments will be traded electronically by April 1999.

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THE FACTS

ALLIED DOMECQ is a dnnks producer and food and drink retailer that employs 50,000 people worldwide.

in the latest financial year to August 31 turnover was £4.3 billion and pre-lax profits £615 million, with about three-fifths from spirits and wine and the balance from resait.

The company has a market capitalisation of £5.4 billion.

THE BOARD

Sir Christopher Ho武, 62. non-executive chairman. serves the same function at Reuters. He is a non-executive director of SmithKline Bee-

Tony Hales, chief execulive, 50, is also a non-executive director of Midland Bank and Aston Villa

Stephen Alexander, 42, is chief executive of Alfred Domecq Retailing and a nonexecutive director of Devro In-

George McCarthy, 61, is president, the Americas, at Allied Domecq Spirits & Wine.

Ramon Mora-Figueroa 64, became chief executive of Pedro Domecq in 1978 and a director of Allied Domeca on the 1994

David Scotland, 50, is president, Europe, of the spirits and wine side and a non-executive director of Thomson Travel Group.

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Tony Trigg, 58, joined in 1965. He retires as finance director at the annual meeting in January.

His replacement, Philip Bowman, 45, joins today. He is a former finance director of Bass and is chairman of Liberty and a non-executive at BSkyB.

Of the non executives, Nigel Stapleton, 52, is cochief executive of Reed Elsevier and a non-executive director at GEC. Donald Brydon, 53, is chairman and chief executive of AXA investment Managers.

Sir Ross Buckland is chief executive of Unigate and a director of RJB Mining.

Peter Jacobs, 55, retired as chief executive of BUPA at the end of July.

David Malpas Is a non-executive of Liberty and chairman of Dresdner Income Growth Investment Trust.

Tew corporations of any great age would willing by create themselves afresh in the form in which they exist today. Take Allied Domecq, a company that in its 37-year history has taken in Babycham, Tetley tea and Ind Coope beer, all now gone.

No master strategist would construct a business that combined the second biggest wine and spirits producer, a chain of about 3,500 pubs in the UK and just short of 10,000 ice cream parlours or doughnut sellers scattered around the world. Plus a half-share in a Spanish baker, a quarter of the Britvic soft drinks operanon and half of the UK high street's biggest off-licence

chain.
A tendency towards speciacular bad luck and a good ten years of conspicuous stock market underperformance the shares are not much improved on their level a decade ago - makes it clear why investors have been looking for significant change at the company. So far most change has

been deferred. First, the bad luck, In March 1991 Allied-Lyons, as it then was, announced that abnormal foreign exchange transactions would cost £150 million and the job of the finance director, Clifford Hatch.

In 1993 the company put its UK brewing operations into a joint venture with Carlsberg. It was bruited as "probably the best merger in the world' in imitation of the Danish brewer's advertising slogar.

The venture was a disaster. coinciding with a downturn in the brewing market generally. Within three years Allied had pulled out of brewing entirely.

In 1994 the company made its boldest move since the purchase in 1987 of a half-share in the Canadian spirits business Hiram Walker, a majority holding in Pedro Domecq. a Spanish drinks group with a big share of the fast-growing Mexican market, emphasising its commitment to the business with a name change.

The very day before the deal was to be announced the Mexican Prime Minister was assassinated. The Mexican economy suffered and the peso collapsed. Small wonder that Allied acquired a reputation for being accident-prone.

Since then the company has laboured in the shadow of Grand Metropolitan, the biggest drinks business in the world, a shadow made much larger by last year'smerger between GrandMet and Guinness to create Diageo.

CORPORATE PROFILE: Allied Domecq



Marked for a merger: the creation of Diageo has put pressure on Allied to consider making a similar marriage. Clockwise from top centre, Allied's core drinks brands; its board includes Tony Hales, chief executive; Philip Bowman; Ramon Mora-Figueroa; Tony Trigg, and Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman

ALLIED DOMECQ

Allied has four core drinks brands, Kahlua coffee liqueur, Sauza Tequila, Beefeater Gin and Ballantine's whisky. Each are the second biggest of their kind, globally; in each case the market leader is owned by

This is not a disastrous state of affairs, and Diageo is far more exposed to any downturn in Asian Pacific markets, drawing 9 per cent of its profits from this area according to the latest published figures, against Allied's figure of less

than 5 per cent. But in the world drinks market size is all. The merger that created Diageo has put pressure on Allied to rush into a similar marriage. The name mentioned most often is Seagram. The problem with other potential suitors is that they tend to be family-owned or family-dominated concerns, such as Bacardi, Remy

Cointreau or Pernod Ricard.

Seagram is 30 per cent

owned by the Bronfman family, and their control probably goes deeper still. The group has also been concentrating on its entertainment activities, the Hollywood studio Universal and the Dutch music group

PolyGram, which now provide 70 per cent of profits. For the purposes of compari-

son, Diageo produces about 100 million cases a year. Allied and Seagram between them, and they are of a size in terms of production and revenues even if Allied is slightly ahead, would produce 90 million.

Furthermore, in terms of brands owned - Seagram's biggest is the Scotch Chivas Re-

AND THE ENGLISHMENT

delivered pretty good volume and pricing growth this year, both up 2 per cent and somewhat better than their comnetitors. The pub side also saw turnover growth, up 5 per cent and again somewhat ahead of most of the competition." Cofin Davies, Goldman Sachs

"Diageo has without doubt set the agenda for the industry by

taking out so much cost; the onus is very much on Allied to creata similar value for shareholders. Allied has some great brands, but a complementary partner would enhance its prospects. A deal with Seagram is not imminent but it could happen in the longer term."

"Allied is definitely making steps in the right direction. Spirits

Matthew Jordan, ABN Amro, London

gal - of geographical territories covered and of cost savings available, Seagram is easily the best fit.

Tony Hales, Allied's chief executive, will not be drawn on the Seagram rumours. "We have never said that we are or we aren't talking to anybody in particular," he says.
"We have had discussions

with all the major drinks companies to see if there's any basis for co-operation and remain open to do so in the future."

He is determined to do this at his own pace. "I don't think we feel under pressure. What we see is our business going well. We must maintain the momentum behind that and not be distracted." Observers say a full merger

is not on the cards. It is not clear which would be in control, given their similar sizes. and Allied has learnt from Carlsberg-Tetley to beware of 50-50 "partnerships". Because Seagram has such a strong profits stream from entertainment, it would be in a strong

position in any alliance. More likely is some sort of global distribution deal whereby both sets of drinks brands are merged and sold through the same channels, with clear cost savings as a result. Paradoxically, such a deal

would probably run into greater problems with the various international competition authorities than a straight merger. In any event, observers do not expect action immediately, but they do see a decision within two to three years. Tied in with this is the sec-

ond strategic move the market has been expecting, the demerger of the drinks business from the retail operations, the pubs, the off-licences, the ice cream and the doughnuts.

When Sir Christopher Hogg was appointed chairman in April 1996 this was thought to be his immediate plan. He had already achieved the trick

at Courtaulds. Hogg has always insisted that Allied would take a "pragmatic" view, saying it would take place if it was in the interests of shareholders. Hales concedes that a demerger has been looked at and has even been costed, but believes the time is not right. Traditionally such demergers have made sense when there is a sharp difference between the value put by the stock market on each side of the business.

There isn't a ple differendal of any significance - this isn't an ICI-Zeneca, says Hales.

In July Allied bought out the 49 per cent minority formerly owned by Guinness in Cantrell & Cochrane, an Irish drinks distributor, and immediately appointed merchant banks to arrange a sale. This would bring in something in the order of £650 million, and would mean Allied, which is keen to maintain a strict ratio between the group's value and its debt. would have spare cash. The obvious solution would be a big acquisition or small infills. little-known brands that are strong in their

own geographical markets. But one other solution to the Cantrell & Cochrane "problem" has occurred to some market watchers. This is to return the cash to shareholders. Hales will not be drawn on this, preferring to dwell upon the progress signalled in the last set of results, which saw volumes up 2 per cent overall. those of Allied's key brands up 6 per cent and productivity im-

proved by 10 per cent. But the return of some cash would be seen as a genuine benefit to investors who have had reason to regret their investment. It could also be seen as the precursor to the further benefits that might flow from a worldwide drinks deal and an eventual demerger.

MARTIN WALLER

OUR VERDICT Ethical expression¹.....7/10 Fat-cat quotient 10/10 Financial record 4/10 Share performance....3/10 Attitude to staff......7/10 Strength of brand..... Innovation..... Annual report......7/10 City star rating......6/10 Future prospects......8/10 Total.....68/100 Ethical expression is evaluated by flategrify Works. The fot-car quo-tient, in which best boardroom pay practice scores highest, is provided by 'Crisa Consetting.

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South Korea awakes to harsh reality of reform

David Watts

reports from Seoul on the

hard road ahead

for a country reinventing itself

year after the International Monetary Fund bailout, South Korea is starting to bite into the kernel of reform the restructuring of the country's conglomerates. Even by the dramatic stand-

ards of recent changes in the world economy it is a big undertaking for a country so wedded to the paternalistic corporate style of its chaebols. They achieved heroic status in transforming South Korea from African levels of productivity into a formidable player in heavy industry and high technology. Now the heroes have suddenly become dinosaurs targeted by the Government and media for not transforming themselves more rapidly into smaller, more nimble players for the economics of the 21st century.

Under the Government's re-form guidelines they must cease cross-funding of the activities of one sector of the company by another by March 2000 and reorganise each separate activity into individual units. Samsung Electronics, for example, could no longer have a direct relationship with Samsung Motors.

President Kim Dae Jung has told them they must have blueprints for their reconstruction ready by the end of this year and called on them again to reduce levels of borrowing. Total non-chaebol corporate borrow-ing was reduced by 23 trillion won (about £11 billion) in the first half but the chaebols lapped up a further 20 trillion won, making it hard for small and medium-size companies to get credit. Even with those levels of borrowing, rumours are rife that at least one — Daewoo - is borrowing for trading and may soon have to sell assets.

Recuperating from brain surgery a little more than a week ago Kim Woo Chong, chairman of Daewoo Group, denied that the group was struggling and said only that the recently acquired Ssangyong Motors was in the red. The group ran up losses of \$72 million (£43 million) in the first half and rumours of financial disaster arose after the Government set a limit on institutions' holdings of bonds held by the chaebol. Far from being in trouble. the company claimed a 44 per cent sales increase for the first ten months of the year and said it would show a profit for

Mr Kim, who is also chair-

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The demonstration against 300 job losses at a car plant caught the attention of the world's media, but was not typical, and thousands of employees had already been made redundant without protest. The "downsizing" is part of wider reforms

man of the Federation of Kor- they are very much the ambi- while five have liquidated. The something rarely touched ean Industries, said: "Any forced debt reductions will surely dampen the concerted efforts towards attaining positive economic growth and luring more foreign capital."
He accused the Government

of confusing and contradictory demands on the chaebols and said it was sticking to a rigid formula that did not take account of changes in certain sectors. He was referring to the rationalisation of the computer chip-making sectors of LG-Semicon and Hyundal Electronics Industry at a time when they believe that world de-

mand may be about to pick up. Mr Kim added that the Government should be carrying out more detailed studies of how other countries, including Britain, had gone about industrial restructuring. But, like it or not, the Government is determined, and fines totalling \$100 million have already been imposed on chaebol that are not moving fast enough, with the promise of more to come.

Therein lies the problem for South Korea and its reforms:

tions of the Government and not necessarily those of industry or finance. Whereas in Britain and the United States the free market dictated revolutionary change in each industry by turn, in Seoul everything comes from the Government.

"We're not sure how far down the political will goes on reform," said one foreign diplomat. "At the moment it's driven by government hectoring rather than economic logic." "It is reform by government

fiat," said another observer and, as a result, it was turning into a kind of guerrilla war in which stealth and deception play a leading role as industry tries to buy time, fearful that to yield too early would be to open space for competitors.

The chaebols are just one part of a thorough-going reform that started with the rewriting of the labour law.

"Labour reform is the precondition for financial and corporate restructuring," said Dr Cho Wan Dong of President Kim's economic staff at the presidential Blue House.

Already there have been thousands of job losses across industry, finance and the civil service but you would hardly know it from studying the South Korean media. This is not a culture in which corporate spokesmen trumpet their "downsizing" successes to eag-er shareholders looking for better returns; it is a shameful admission to bave to say that a firm is no longer meeting its

social obligations. In the banking sector up to 40 per cent of jobs are already thought to have been cut. Yet here, too, some banks are dodging reality: pushing employees out the front door and rehiring them through the back on short-term contracts. The Government says the sector has al-

ready shed 100,000 employees. Eventually it wants to see 16 sound investment banks remaining out of the current 30 and perhaps seven commercial banks. Of 26 commercial banks at the present, 12 are deemed to be in serious trouble

first international assessment of the sector will come when Korea First and Seoul Bank go on the block for purchase by foreigners. The Government is hoping that both will be in new hands by the end of the year. As two of South Korea's orig-

inal banks, however, they have been heavily involved in the type of government-directed crony lending that has got the country into so much trouble. Given the state of the economy it is hard to see what would attract a buyer but the Government is setting their sale up as a litmus test for reform.

Reform of labour, finance, industry and the civil service are all integral to the programme. Presidential demands for results by the end of the year have put South Koreans in a spin.

Reform of the labour law was seen as fundamental, and an early pact between management, labour and the Government, has taken the sting out of what otherwise was shaping up to be a pitched battle. Ironically, foreign media latched on to the only serious unrest, over the loss of 300 jobs at Hyundai, apparently unaware that several thousand had already gone. Eventually the firm will lose 25 per cent of its workforce. Hyundai is considered to have a sounder balance

South Korean culture and the shame of losing one's job ensures that unemployment is

sheet than many others.



upon but the signs of what is to come when other chaebols start to lose significant numbers of workers are already to be seen. Around Seoul railway station, the early morning scene resembles something from the Korean War with the homeless and vagrants living

The Government admits to an unemployment rate of 7.6 per cent. The jobless rate could easily reach 8 or 9 per cent when the country shortly switches to OECD criteria for measurement. In a country that has had full employment for decades these are staggering figures.

All this means that there are corporate bargains for foreign buyers, and already British Telecom has taken a 24 per cent stake in LG Telecom and is reported to be interested in a slice of Korea Telecom. South Korean chemical and paper companies have strong technological bases that are attractive to foreign buyers and Volvo has become one of the first forcign firms to buy into a leading chaebol with the \$700 million purchase of Samsung's earthmoving equipment division.

Short leases and low returns, however, have made real estate purchases on a big scale unlikely even with values in the centre of Seoul down by 40 per cent.

The trend among many foreign companies moving in to look at the bargains is to use South Korea as a base for the massive Chinese market. And that is the direction in which many South Korean firms themselves are looking. There is currently a huge boom in learning Chinese languages as everyone seeks an alternative to the stagnant South-East Asian and Japanese markets.

With the stock market more perky of late, the Government believes that it is now a matter of psychology to get the recovery under way. It predicts that things will be looking much better by the third quarter of next year. Few South Koreans are ready to bet on it.

Answers from page 39

Kim: heads Daewoo

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(b) A standing ornament or figure, especially one put in a guest room of a house. Japanese for "put thing". "A mid-nineteenth certury wood figure of a demon is an okimono rather than a true netsuke too elaborate and delicate to use as a button.

PLUNDERBUND (a) A corrupt alliance of political, commercial and financial interests engaged in exploiting the public. Plunder is well-known. Bund is the German for an alliance or league. "Hello, suckers who voted for the continuation of chaos and corruption and the plunderbund last November." ROSCIUS

(b) An eponym of Quintus Roscius Gallus, the famous luvvie of ancient Rome. His name is used to designate an actor, usually one of outstanding ability, success or fame. Applied to David Garrick. "To the eighteenth century, Garrick was the outstanding actor of modern times, and to call him Roscius as was so often done was merely to indicate that in one respect at least England could rival ancient Rome."

(c) A chicken without a tail. "We used to have have a number of animals that were special to the Isle of Man. There are still some hens without tails - rumpy hens we call them."

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A requiem for peace

Sound Stories: An Irish Requiem BBC2, 7.30pm

There have been many Irish uprisings against the hated British oppressor, but 1796 was different in that, for once, north and south, Roman Catholic and Protestant, were united in the common cause. Two hundred years later. Bernie Lloyd and Terry McCabe, doughty citizens of Wexford, which saw some of the fiercest fighting, decide to commemo-rate the event by staging Mozart's Requirem. Their plan is for four amateur choirs drawn from different parts of Ireland Io join the professionals of the Ulster Orchestra in performances in Wexford, Dublin and Belfast. The film charts the difficult genesis of this ambitious project, which like 1798 rosses religious divides, and its triumphani realisation at the moment the poliocians in Stormont were moving towards the Good Friday agreement.

Planet Ustinov Channel 4, 8.00pm

The second of Sir Peter Ustinov's journeys in the footsteps of Mark Twain has a more coherent feel. For one thing it has an overarching theme, and for another the through the second se another the three areas visited. Hawaii. Australia another the three areas visited. Hawaii. Australia and New Zealand, are given equal treatment. neatly divided by the commercial breaks. What exercises Ustinov in all three places is the question of ancestry and identity. In Hawaii he finds much evidence of an independent past and asks how far native Hawaiians consider themselves to be citizens of the United States. In Australia he produces supposed the law of the Aborisinal cause. conzens of the United States. In Australa the ponders sympathetically on the Aboriginal cause, while enduring an earful from the highly unsympathetic Pauline Hanson, and in New Zealand he looks at Maori attempts to hold the Government to the 140-year-old Treaty of Waitangi which was supposed to protect their rights and culture.

Witness: The Picnic Channel 4, 9.00pm

I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue

There is no shortage of couples wanting to adopt, but it can be difficult getting them to take on older children who are often damaged. Joanna Head's film reports on an inidative in the United States designed to overcome this reluctance. This is an adoption picnic, held each year in southern Mississippi, where prospective parents and

When people who write about radio and people

who listen to radio are in agreement about a

programme, it must be doing something right. So the return for another series of the show that won

the return for another series of the show that won the 1988 gong for best radio programme from both the Broadcasting Press Guild and the Voice of the Viewer and Listener is a welcome occasion, nay, a joyous event, I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue resembles cricket in that its appeal is impossible to explain, save that the droll Humphrey Lyttelton is simply peerless as presenter and the panel routinely displays wit of a very high order. I thought that Name That Barcode was the pick of the games in

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the last series but I expect that a new one will top it

John Gilbert and his overbearing mod in Anatomy of Desire (Channel 4, Non

children needing families are brought together in an informal setting. It is a chance for each side to size the other up and the hope is that most of the children will find suitable homes. The programme features Paulette and Phillip, a couple unable to have children of their own who decide, not without considerable apprehension, to take on a troubled seven-year-old, and Evan and Renee, who already have two adopted children but want another to

Channel 4, 10.00pm This "frank analysis of human sexual desire" has reached programme three and it is still a moor-point whether we are being offered serious science or mere voyeurism. All over the world, from Japan to Holland and the United States (though not to Holland and the United States (mough not, judging by this film, in Britain) sexologists are trying to pin down the factors which shape our desires. The trouble is, these are "incredibly varied"—genes, hormones, childhood experiences—and mix in different ways. That is why our "love maps" vary. Two whose maps have got distorted more than most are John and Violet. John (British) was so smothered by Murn that he hit puberty about 20 years late. Violet (American) was sexually aware almost from the start and has found her vocadon practising sado masochism while training to be a doctor.

RADIO CHOICE

Snapshots from the New South Africa

Radio 4. 11.00am

Yet another transition is coming to South Africa: in six months time Nelson Mandela retires and the implications of that can only be guessed at. Much will depend on reaction at the grass roots, so this series of four programmes is timely. Today, the reporter Thembl Mutch visits the remote area of Gazankulu, near the Mozambique border, to meet Max and Mokgadi Tiakulu. Max runs a supermarker and his wife helps local women with money-making projects, Majority rule has vastly improved the family's social status. But the economic picture is not so rosy and Max is worried about the shackling of progress brought about by the shortage of individuals and institutions invest-

BBC WDRLD SERVICE

5.00cm The World Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf, One of Ours 7.30 The Vintage Chart Show 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Movie Cell 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.16 Record News 9.30 Westway Access 9.45 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Ornnibus 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Jazzmatz 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Seven Days 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Chill Out 3.00 World News; (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Westway

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Newsday 2.30 On Screen 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Round-Up 3.30 The Idea of the City 4.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey's Easier Breaklast. Favounte musical works, plus regular information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Hall of Fame Hour and Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents fisteners' tavountes 2.00pm Concerto. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major) 3.00

RADID 1 (BBC)

6.30em Zoe Ball 9,00 Smon Mayo 12,00 Kevin Greening. Includes 12,30pm Nowsbeat 2,00 Mark Raddille 4,00 Chris Moyles 5,45 Newsbeat 6,00 Dave Pearce 9,00 Larriacq Live. New Order live from Reading 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00an Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Milks

RADID 2 (BBC)

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 John Inverdale 2.00pm Ed Stevant 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Georgie Fame 9.00 Big Band Special 8.30 The New Jazz Standards 9.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years 10.30 Richard Alfinson 12.00 Lynn Parsons 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Records 6.00 Breaklast 9.00 Nicky Campbel canoeists gearing up for their fifth Olympic Garnes, but has sporting success brought them close? 8.00 Trevor Brooking's Footbell Forum. Socoer personatives take part in a studio debate 10.00 Late hight Live with Nick Roberson 1.00ern Up All Night, Includes action from the fourth day's play in the second Test between Australia and England in Perth

VIRGIN

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 7.30 Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00am James Merritt 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.00am Bill Overton and Clare Cattord 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Anna Raebum 4.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The Sports Zone 8.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

Concerto. Beatroven (Pano Concerto No 4 in G major) 3.00 Jamle Crick, Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. John Brunning presents the latest stores 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of soothing sounds 9.00 Evening Concert Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in 0); Mackenzie (Burns 2nd Scottish Phapsody, Pibrooh); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish) 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of ambient music 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Gniffiths

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny, Includes Edward Naylor (Vox Dicentia: Clama); Seethoven (Hom Sonata in F, Op 17); Prokoliev (Classical)

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9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Includes
Rameau (Overture: Zais); Weber (Prano Concerto
No 1 in C); Ravel (Shéhérazade); Chopn (Five

No 1 in Cl; Ravel (Shéhérazade); Chopin (Five Waltzes); Smetana (String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From My Life)

10.30 Artist of the Week: Peter Katin

11.00 Sound Stories: Musical Partistans — Louis XIV

12.00 Composer of the Week: Mozart

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from the Wigmore Hall, London Stephane Hughes introduces the London ofebut of the mezzo Lorraine Hunt, who is accompanied by Roger Vignoles, paino, in songs by Handel and Berg Vignoles, paino, in songs by Handel and Berg 2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Osmo Vanska, Marco Rizzi, violin. Wallace (The Passing of Beathoe), Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor); Tchalkovsky (Symphory No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)

4.00 Opera in Action with Ruth Mackenbe

4.45 Music Machine with Tommy Pearson

5.00 in Tune with Sean Rafferty

7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) The American composer John Adams visits Britain to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in a programme of his own music, given earlier this month in the Barbran, London, With Sanford

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9.15 Postscript: Happy Talk The first of five monologues about women

9.25 Brahims (Pano Quartet No 3 in C minor, Op 60). Perlomned by the Pro Arle Piano Cusinet: Kanneth Silito, violin, Robert Smissen, viola, Stephen Orlon, cello, Hamish Milne, piano (r)

10.00 Volces Songs by Bernstein and Copland performed by Catrin Wyn-Davies, soprano, and lain Burnside, piano

10.45 Mibding it with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall

11.30 Jazz Notes Campbell Burnap visits Tokyo

12.00 Composer of the Week: Josquitn (r)

1.00em Through the Night Includes 1.00 Jadwigs Rappe, contrallo, and Ewa Poblocka, piano, perform songs by Schubert and Miecyslaw Karlowcz 2.15 Pergolesi (Violin Concerto in B flat)

2.25 Carelli (Sonata in E minor) 3.00 Schools

5.00 Bach (Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV535) S.05 Enescu (String Octet in C, Op 7)

5.50 Corelli (Sonata in G minor, Op 1 No 10)

5.30am (FM) World News
5.30 (LW) Test Match Special Australia v England.
Closing commentary from Parth
5.35 (FM) Shipping: Inshore Forecast
5.45 (FM) Prayer for the Day
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9.45 (LW) Daily Service From Wellington Parish

Church, Glasgow 10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keemey and guests 11.00 Snapshots from the New South Africa New

series. See Choice (1/4]
Nomesis Part four of the five-part dramatisation of Agatha Christie's novel. The recollections of a confused derayman prove to be of vital importance With June Whitfield (4/5)

12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours

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on Northern Ireland in the cultural quiz 2.00 The Archers (r) 2.15 Afternoon Play: Life's Little Ironies — To Please His Wife by Laune Graham. Two women want to many the same man — can it end amacably? With Damien Lewis, Elii Gamett and Behoods Same

3.00 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444 Vincent Duggleby takes calls on personal finance
Songlines David Stationd considers the origins of
well-known songs. Richard Whiteley and Bill
Oddie help unravel the late behind On Iliula Moor

3.45 Mercer Preece RA Manon Edwards reads Gee Williams's story about an artist who discovers a little known Victorian painter whose works prow be popular
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9.00 Nature: The Big Sleep The science behind body clocks, natural mythms and sleep 9.30 Start the World Tonight with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Another World Robert Glenister reads part six of Pat Barker's novel (r) 11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Nicola Pagett speaks on behalf of MIND, a chanty which helps the mentally il (r) 11.02 Late Night on 4: Fathertand Anion Lesser stars in a dramatisation of Robert Harris's beststelling thriller. With Angeline Ball and Peter Ellis 11.30 (FM) Aerial Views Jennifer Cox talks to Johannes Theurer of Sender Freis Berlin (3/4) (r) 11.30 (LW) Today in Partiament 12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: A Main in Full Wilsom Hootkins reads part 11 of Tom Wotle's novel about an Atlanta businessman in trouble 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 (FM only after 2.30am) As World Service 2.30 (LW) Test Metch Special Australia v England. Commentary from Perth on the fourth day

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Cold feet, Cold War, warm congratulations

old Feet (ITV, Sunday) must be one of the eleverest confections ever to appear on the sweet-trolley of contemporary television. The hour-long. late-twenty-early-thirty something sitcom-soup hybrid is an unfamiliar beast. The format combines the feel-good glow of American comedies such as Friends, with the astringent direction and camerawork of British dramas such as This Life. Slick dialogue editing and understated social observation mix freely with Carry On film innuendo and old-fashioned farce. Talk about having your cake and

The first two episodes were critivised as being too glutinous, which was true. No amount of slivers of satirical lemon zest can hide a heart of syrup. The third, I was assured, took a darker turn. And there were pronounced sour notes as the three couples faced their various sexual difficulties: impotence (David and Karen), post-natal loss some nicely turned farce plotting. of zing (Pete and Jenny) and nonspecific performance paranoia (Adam and Rachel). But these were merely the moist black cherries in what turned out to be a big ? slice of comfortingly creamy Black Forest gateau.

Driven to despair by his impotence. David visits a prostitute whose number he finds in a phone-box. She turns out to be young, beautiful with a wry sense of humour and highly developed counselling skills. Her wise advice leads to triumph at work and in the bedroom. I should cocoa.

After the birth of baby Adam.

Pete finds himself fancying women other than Jenny, who are not mothers, especially the new barmaid. But Jenny talks him around with words of maternal wisdom and this malty emotional bed-time drink does the trick.

Each mistakenly believing the other is bored in bed, as a result of

Adam and Rachel resort to wearing revealing teddies and reading a munual called Fantastic Sex.

his results in a decision to fulfil Rachel's fantasy by making love in the window of a charity shop to which Adam has obtained the key. In a moment of inspired mania, this is rammed by a stolen car just as they reach their twin peaks. A conversation with an understanding police officer leads 10 complete reconciliation. A frothing mug of Horlicks if ever

I saw one.

Cold Feet is one of those sweet products, which tries to fool you into thinking it isn't fattening when it is. Never mind. It is extremely funny, and all the better for the fact that, with a few exceptions, the jokes are left lying around, as if by accident. Just don't have too much of it at once If Cold Feet addressed the probREVIEW



new insights.

lems of the male ego, these turned out to have had a lot to do with the Cuban missile crisis, and the closest the world has got so far to annihilation. The episodes of Cold War (BBC2, Saturday) which I have seen so far have been disappointingly plodding and short of

Paul

On Saturday, however, the overlong series sprang terrifyingly to life. It was considerably boosted by

the quality of the talking heads. Not obscure, self-serving back-room apparatchiks this time, but Robert McNamara, the US Secretary of State, Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, relaying messages as Kennedy and Krushchev played nuclear poker, and above all. Fidel Castro himself, still angry, unrepentant, and slightly mad.

The programme managed to capture the accelerating tension as a series of misguided or deceitful decisions ricocheted off each other. The main problem seems to have been Kennedy's weakness in not junking Eisenhower's foolish and immoral plan to topple Castro. His attempts to disguise American sponsorship of the Bay Of Pigs fiasco by cutting the number of US bombers and painting them in Cu-ban air force colours only served to guarantee its failure.

Castro was forced into the open arms of the Soviets, but had to declare his revolution as socialist to rines would probably have been deget his meal ricket. Between them they humiliated Kennedy further by sneaking 43,000 Soviet troops and several batteries of nuclear missiles onto the island without the Americans noticing.

s the game of bluff and counter-bluff intensified, Kennedy and Krushchev began to develop advanced face-saving diplomacy in a new version of an ancient game, where the stakes were the survival of civilisation. In the end Krushchev got what he wanted in return for withdrawal -- equivalent American missiles out of Turkey - by allowing Kennedy to look as if he had won. But it was, in Walter Cronkite's words "a heart-stopper". Cronkite found himself "typing with his fingers crossed". Only Castro felt cheated in the end. He had told Krushchev that if America attempted to invade (the mastroyed by battlefield nuclear weapons). "the Soviet Union should retaliate immediately with an annihilating strike". The final agreement was "disgraceful". His rage still burns bright, and one almost sensed nostalgia for a brief moment when he held the centre of the world stage. What they al) needed was a nice friendly Man-

chester prostitute to talk to. Egos male and female were rampaging unchecked in And The Winner Is (ITV, Saturday), Denis Norden's compilation of extracts from television award ceremonies. Unlike Norden's Alright On The Night outtake programmes, nothing we saw was accidental. We got fake modesty, fake spontaneity, fake mistakes, fake sabotage, fake cynicism and even a fake demonstration. Overall the experience was so sickly it left me longing for the relief of something more acidic. Cold Feet, for example.

6.00am Business Breakfast (39363) 7.00 BBC Breakfast Newa (T) (49437) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8121547) 9.40 Style Challenge (9964498)

10.05 City Hospital (T) (9091011) 10.55 News; Regional News; Weather (1)

11.00 Good Living with Jane Asher 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (9871059) 11.55 News; Regional News, Weather (T) (1963194)

12.00 Pass the Buck (4409769) 12.25pm Going for a Song (4488276) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (28817568) 1.00 One O'Clock News; Weather (T)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (73824030) 1.40 Neighbours Anne vows to beat Arry at the 40-Hour Foxfrot (T) (67443547)

2.05 Ironside An attempt on a judge's tile gives Mark tood for thought (r) (9603837) 2.55 Wipeout; (r) Consuming Passions

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6552214) 3.45 Enchanied Lands (8045108) 3.55 Little Monsters (3117769) 4.00 Animal Magic (4214127) 4.15 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9764769) 4.40 Goosebumps (2827011) 5.00 Newsround (4066837) 5.10 Blue Peter (5371634)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (334276) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (951) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (363) 7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel

surprises another unsuspecting guest with the big red book (T) (7479) 7.30 Here and Now investigation into whether the law should become involved in sport following the recent decision to award a lootball player damages after his teg was broken in a match (T) (547)

8.00 EastEnders Louise's anger reaches boiling point (T) (6127) er The antiques market held in an old

warehouse (1) (2004) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; warehouse (T) (5634) Weather (T) (3498) 9.30 Men Behaving Badly Gary staggers

home from a residential creative writing course to find girllnend Dorothy in bed with best mate Tony (r) (T) (41450) 10.00 Panorama The anxiety of people affected by job outs, and how public

confidence has been undermined by global forces and allegedly meltective economic policies (T) (455653) 10.40 They Think It's All Over (rt (T) (878059) 11.10 On Side With Tim Henman (293295) 11.55 Chicago Hope Domestic disharmony afflicts the staff as John Sutton Jaces

wife-strife on a grand scale and Nyland 12.40am Weird Science The guys get the power to play with real magic (T) (4431517)

1.05 The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981) Lily Tomlin sters as a housewile who expenences a strange reaction to domestic products. Comedy, Charles Grodin and Ned Beatty, Directed by Joel Schumacher (T) (8593284) 2.25 Weather (5119401) 2.30 BBC News 24 (1752468)

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7.00am CBBC Breakfast Show: Wiggly Park [5286108] **7.05** Teletubbles (2080450) **7.30** Tom and Jerry Kids (2899189) **7.55** Blue Peler (5191479) **8.20** Robinson Sucroe (9784924) 8.45 Penny Crayon (6499030) 8.55 Wiggly Park (5988301) 9.00 Daylime On Two: Job Bank (7096276) 9.10 Short Circuit (5474450) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (8048769) 9.45 Storytime (8036924) 10.00 Teletubbies (95856) 10.30 Words and Pictures 13667450) 10.45 Watch (3662905) 11.00 Look and Read (9363092) 11.20 Zig Zag (4742295) 11.40 Landmarks (1711092) 12.05pm History File (4499382) 12.30 Working Lunch (69856) 1.00 Penny

Crayon (98754585) 1.10 The Arts and Crafts Hour (2244672) 2.10 Match of the Day Greats Manchester Utd v Chelsea in March 1965 (18169672)

2.40 News; Weather (T) (7615450) 2.45 On Cue with Steve Davis (5534547) 3.25 News; Weather (T) (7318127)
3.30 Gardeners' World Old English roses

and pond planting (r) (T) (769) 4.00 Change That (r) (T) (3185160) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (3195547)

4.55 Lowrl Young fathers describe their experiences of parenthood (T) (5953721) 5,30 Cricket: The Ashes Australia v England Highlights (740)

6.00 The Simpsons Apu's misconduct at the kwik-E-Mart results in Homer being hospitalised (r) (T) (649011) 6.25 Space 1999 (T) (693498) 7.15 Hit, Miss or Maybe (1) (835278)

7.30 CROICE Sound Stories A film toflowing the musical commemoration of the bicentenary of the 1798 Rebellion (T) (189)

8.00 The Essential Guide to Rocks Ray Mears explores volcanic remains in the Lake District (T) (4769)



Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke recommend more tipples (8.30pm)

8.30 Food and Drink Christmas baked Alaska, chicken stir-fry and a modern St Andrew's Day meal (1) (3276) 9.00 The Cops Mel and Jaz bungle an investigation (7/8t (T) (370837)

9.50 Ads Infinitum (T) (462450) 10.00 Big Train Comic sketches (T) (34672) 10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark (T) (880585) 11.15 On Air. The Truth About TV New series. David Aaronovitch investigates fly-on-the-wall documentanes (1/3) [574672]

11.55 Weather (191108) 12.00 Despatch Box (39046)

12.30am BBC Learning Zone: Global Stories Containing the Pacific 1.00 Ataska: The Last Frontier? 1.30 The Care Industry 2.00 Schools: English - TV Friend or Foe? 4.00 Languages: Suenos World Spanish 17-20 5.00 Business and Training: Skills for Work — Health and Safety 5.45 Open University: A Tale of Two Cells 6.10 Forest Futures 6.45 The Business of the Environment

HIV 5.30em ITN Morning News (76382)

6.00 GMTV (9578059) 9.25 Trisha (T) (1521996) 10.15 This Morning (T) (437566) 12.15pm HTV News; Weather (T) (3293363) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News, Weather (T)

1.00 WEST: Wild Tracks Journalist Trevor Fishlock's Irek through Wales (20030) 1.00 WALES: Yan Can Cook (20030) 1.30 Home and Away (T) (55653)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (1443635) 2.40 WEST: Yan Can Cook: The Best of China The Shaoxing region (f) (2892214) 2.40 WALES: The Pulse (T) (2892214) 3.10 ITN News Headlines (T) (7317498) 3.15 HTV News (T) (7316769)

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Morris and Sarah Kennedy go bird-walching at Slimbridge (1) (4285740) 5.10 WALES: Moneyspinners (T) (4285740) 5,40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (T) (240498)

6.00 Home and Away (1) (T) (643837) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (1) (864059)

6.25 HTV Weather (251905) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (289) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (697943) 7.00 Wheel of Fortune With John Leslie and Jenny Powell (T) (2547)



ckie (Margi Clarke) Introduces her son Tyrone (Alan Halsall) (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Deirdre is dismayed to meet Jackle's son (T) (943)

8.00 World in Action Investigation anto congestion in Britain's sixes (T) (1295) 8.30 Great Escapes On-the-spot footage of real-life catastrophes (7/9) (1) (3030) 9.00 Vice: The Sex Trade The final programme in the series uses hidden

camera lootage to reveal the full extent of prostitution in London (3/3) (T) (4479) 10.00 News at Ten: Weather (T) (38498) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (903585) 10.40 Veronica's Closet Ronnie auditions for

a choral role (T) (863127) 11.10 Dharma and Greg The couple spice up their lave life (T) (359740)

11.40 Stuff the Week Comic review of the week's news (764818) 12.10am Short Story Cinema (r) (3155159) 12.40 Football Extra (3142449)

1.40 World Football (r) (1761081) 2.10 Club@vision (r) (3448772) 2.50 Trisha (r) (T) (9048772) 3.40 World in Action (1) (1) (99018284) 4.05 An invitation to Remember Pari one. Lional Jeffries (n (87281081)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (85826)

4.30 ITV Nightscreen (65915)

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1.00 Judge Joe Brown (28672) 1.30 Sunny Spells (59919059) 1,35 Woman Obsessed (1959) A tough widow and her son struggle to maintain their farm in the face of natural disasters.

With Susan Hayward, Directed by Henry Hathaway (T) (62678547) 3.30 Collectors' Lot Wade pottery (T) (837) 4 no Fifteen-to-One (T) (672)

4.30 Countdown (T) (7329566) 4.55 Montel Williams s (T) (5955189) 5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow A horse which refuses to be ridden (T) (108)

5.00 Roseanne David spends a night in Darlene's room (r) (T) (721) 6.30 Hollyoaks Jude's arrest leads to concern (T) (301) 7.00 Channel 4 News: Weather (T) (427837)

7.50 The 1998 Turner Prize: Writing About Art A winner of the Writing About Art competition responds to Lucian Freud's Girl with a White Dog (T) (636127)

8.00 CHOICE Planet Ustinov The worldly actor visits Hawaii, Australia



Sylvia Sessions, head of Mississippi adoption programmes (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE Witness The adoption picnics of South Mississippi, where prospective parents meet children who need families (T) (5721)

10.00 CREICE Anatomy of Desire An examination of human sexual desire (3/4) (T) (7772214) 11.05 Return of the Ba Ba Zee Introduction to

the following programmes (871547) 11.06 Glamour Girtz The lortunes of those involved in the black sex industry in Britain and America (148301) 12.10am A Woman Scomed (7086130)

12.20 It's Different For Girls Love life dilemmas for e masochist (9703994) 12.35 Gangstresses Poor black women involved in crime (3134420)

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6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport and business (2371924)

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(1558837) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2441479) 8.30 Dappledown Farm; 5 News Updale

9.00 The Great House Game (r) (T) (7360818) 9.25 Russell Grant'a Postcards

(4116214) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4656027) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2974943) 11.10 Leeza (r) [9996108)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (2444566) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (7375634) 1.00 The Bold end the Beautiful Stephanie is lold she needs help (T) (6036672) 1.30 Sons and Daughters Gayle gets e job

at a holiday farm; 5 News Update (7374905) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5699818) 2.30 Good Afternoon (6004301) 3.30 Advice to the Lovelorn (TVM 1981)

Cloris Leachman stars as a newspaper agony aunt who realises she needs help. Harry Falk directs (T) (6701419) 5.20 The Roseanne Show; 5 News Update

(9256989) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5197382) 6.30 Family Affairs Mel gets the cold shoulder from Josh (T) (5188634)

7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5693634) 7.30 Watery World The myths surrounding sharks, (T) 5 News Update (5184818) 8.00 Floyd Uncorked Visiting Alsace, Keith

and Jonathan Pedley sample Riesling and Gewurztraminer (5/8) (T) (5602382) 8.30 The Antiques Hunter Dave Dee has just bought a Jacobean manor house and asks David Dickinson to help him choose



Altana Sanchez-Gijon and Keanu Reeves star (9pm)

9.00 A Walk in the Clouds (1995) A disillusioned salesman, recently returned from the Second World Wa, bumps into a pregnant woman who is nervous about returning home to her strict parents' vineyard, so he agrees to pose as her husband. Romantic drama, with Keanu Reeves and Anthony Quinn, Directed by Alfonso Arau; (T) 5 News (81861585) 10.50 Dr Fox'e Chart Update (4987363)

10.55 Selze the Day (1986) Robin Williams plays an ector-turned-salesman facing a mid-life crisis. Officeat cornedy based on a short story by Saul Bellow. Directed by Fielder Cooke (T) (15782924) am NFL American Football - Live

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5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7782130)

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City expects Barclays to be bid target

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

MERGER frenzy is expected to grip the UK banking sec-tor today as speculation grows that rival financial groups will seize a window of opportunity to strike while the board of Bardays is in disarray. Halifax. Abbey National, Prudential and several American and continental groups are all viewed

Barclays shares slipped 8 per cent on Friday after the unexpected resignation of Martin Taylor, chief executive, and a disappointing projection of profits for the year.

However, traders expect the shares to recover some of the lost ground today. Analysts predict that a bid approach may arrive in the next few weeks, before Barclays has time to assemble a new senior management and revise its corporate strategy.

Almost all the potential suitors for Barclays are either of a similar market size or smaller than the profitable UK bank. suggesting that a merger is a hostile takeover bid.

far more likely option than a Halifax and Prudential. both of which have been pre-

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By ROBERT COLE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

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INDEPENDENT Insurance. the small but highly regarded insurance group led by Michael Bright, may enter the bidding for part of Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurer that effectively put itself up for

A spokesman for Independent, distanced the company from speculation that it might try to buy the whole of GRE, however. GRE is about six times the size of Independent. He said: "We have seen the

speculation in the press which infers that we are looking to move into commodity lines of insurance, which is not true."

However, Independent did not rule itself out of hidding for those parts of GRE that are outside domestic home and motor insurance. GRE owns anz. Top estimates ascribe a PPP, the medical insurer, as value of 400p to GRE shares.

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agement would prefer to find one buyer for the whole of the company rather than see the business sold piecemeal. However, the number one priority is to maximise the exit price for shareholders.

SunAlliance, AIG and Alli-

well as life insurance elements. The spokesman for Independent said: "In line with the strategy for growth the group

of market opportunities." It is thought that GRE man-

GRE shares shot from 300p to 350p last Monday when it first admitted that a takeover was a possibility. By Friday they had slipped back to 336p. GRE is thought to have had approaches from AXA, Allied Zurich. Prudential, Royal & viously linked with Barclays, are still known to be looking for a partner. The City believes that a merger with Halifax would offer big scope for cut-ting costs by slimming the branch network and would also solve management prob-lems at Barclays. With a market value of £34.3 billion, however, Halifax is marginally smaller than Bardays.

Barclays is not only looking for a replacement for Mr Tay-lor. Oliver Stocken, finance director, is committed to stay until April. He had planned to leave at the end of the year. The ap-pointment of Sir Peter Middle-ton as acting chief executive and chairman-elect is widely seen as a stop-gap solution.

James Crosby, the new chief executive of Halifax, would be a strong candidate to run the comstrong candidate to run the com-bined group under Sir Peter. Roger Boyes, Halifax finance director, could also assume that role for the combined group. Prudential, which is about half the size of Barclays, is also

known to be keen on raising its high street profile. However, a source close to the company said that the Pru may be preparing a £3 billion bid for GRE, the insurance group.

Analysts have not ruled out the possibility that a foreign buyer could make a play for Barciays. German banks, Deutsche and Dresdner, and AXA, the French insurance group, have expressed an interest in expanding into Britain, while Chase Manhattan, the US bank, has also stated its intention of buying in Europe.

"There may be interest from some German banks, such as Dresdner. Bardays already has operations in France and Spain, but not in Germany, so this could make a good match," one analyst said. Barclays shareholders will

also have their chance to press the company on its future plans during a series of meetings between the company and institutions this week. However, Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of Nat-West, yesterday tried to damp down merger speculation claiming that "strong banks". including Barclays, did not face any "real pressure to merge". He insisted that the British banking industry was

facing no significant problems.



Songwriter looks for hit with game

ONE of Elvis Presley's songwriters and the man who published the Prince of Wales's watercolours make an unusual entrepreneuri-

al team (Manus Costello writes). Ken Howard and Robert Hyde have pooled their disparate skills to set up Sophisticated Games, a company that devises and writes cames, a company mat devises and writes boardgames for an older market. Their first game is based on Sophie's World, the novel, and it has already sold 75,000 copies in Germany and Italy since publication in October.

They hope to receive royalties of £200,000 next year when the game is published internationally, and plan to produce a game each year.

Howard wrote Elvis's song Pve Lost You, a hit in 1971, but will perhaps be better known for his 1960s effort, Have I the right?, sung by the Honey-combs. Mr Hyde is a publisher who commis-sioned the Prince's book in the mid-Eighties.

The two first collaborated on the Sophie's World CD-Rom, but believe that the boardgame, published in the UK by Orion, has more potential.

"We launched the game at the Frankfurt bookfair in October," Mr Hyde said. "The Germans are mad for all sorts of boardgames so we thought it was a good place to start. The response was hugely enthusiatic."

The game is based on the book by Jostein

Gaarder, an international bestseller that comhines narrative with a quick tour of Western philosophy. Sophie's World — The Boardgame involves answering multiple choice questions about philosophy, as well as a more general section in which contestants must answer a "big question" such as, "Is killing always wrong?

We wanted to keep the magical, quest narrative features of the novel but retain the intellectual side as well," Mr Howard said.

The two hope that the game, which retails at \$29.99, will sell 30,000 copies in the UK over the next year, and have plans for translation into 12 languages in 1999. It goes on sale today, and will be sold in bookstores as well as toy shops.

Deutsche to unveil Bankers takeover

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

DEUTSCHE BANK is expected to unveil the \$9.5 billion (£5.7 billion) takeover of Bankers Trust today after board meetings at both companies yesterday. Lavish last-minute offers

are believed to have been made to key staff at the US investment bank to stay with the combined group.

Two sets of disgruntled

Bankers Trust shareholders are, however, still trying to spoil Deutsche's arrival in Wall Street's premier league. One group has filed a blocking lawsuit in New York, claiming the price offered by Deutsche is too low. Deutsche is paying a 20 per cent premium to Bankers Trust shareholders.

Another suit has been filed

against Bankers Trust by former shareholders who sold out ahead of the takeover announcement. They claim that the board should have notified

them of the talks earlier. Rolf Breuer, the Deutsche Bank chief executive, will announce that the group, with assets of \$350 billion, will call itself Deutsche Bankers Trust.

Pension funds could be forced to use votes

MINISTERS are to be asked to force pension fund trustees to declare a public policy on voting their shares after a new survey revealed that less than half of all shares are voted at companies' annual meetings (Graham Searjeant writes).

PIRC, the corporate governance consultant, found that the number of shares voted had crept up from 37 to 45 per cent since the Cadbury code was introduced five years ago. Under the Pensions Act

1996, ministers could specify by regulation that funds should make voting commitments under their Statement of Investment Policy. There are already plans to call for a state ment of ethical policy in an im-

pending pension Green Paper. PIRC has also found that about half of companies, including Barclays, do not reveal the count of proxy votes at their meetings, as recommended by the Hampel report, unless challenged by those present.

Card lender set to trump UK banks

HIGH STREET banks are set to have their grip on the £22 billion credit card market loosened next month when BankOne, the leading US card lender. launches operations in the UK.

First Chicago Bank this year, BankOne has become the second-largest credit card lender in the US, with 43 million cards in issue and more than \$63 billion (£38 billion) of loans outstanding.

International, has built a headquarters in Cardiff and is planning a nationwide mailshot before Christmas. It has hired 100 people at its Cardiff Bay office but hopes to increase staff to 1,000 in the next few years.

card issuer from the US to target the UK. It specialises in cheap "two-tier" cards that lure borrowers with cheap initial rates of interest but still undercut the standard rate offered by high street banks.

The new competition has his Barclaycard, the market leader, which has seen its share of borrowing slip from 35 per cent to 30 per cent. Christmas shoppers are forecast to spend a record £6.2 billion with credit cards in December.

ECB chief rules out European rate cuts

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

WIM DUISENBERG, President of the European Central Bank, yesterday ruled out an immediate cut in European interest rates and said that Britain's decision to stay out of the euro area is likely to damage UK industry.

Mr Duisenberg insisted that the priority for the European Central Bank ahead of EMU remains convergence, and not rate cuts to ward off the impact of global financial turmoil. He pointed out that European

rates are "substantially lower than in the US". Recent falls in interest rates across the euroarea, as countries move towards convergence, had also resulted in "a larger decline than has taken place in the US", he said.

However, Mr Duisenberg insisted that Europe's response to quate and claimed that the ECB



we hate inflation." he said. Recent falls in French and German inflation have raised hopes that European interest rates could be cut before the launch of the single currency in January. Both the Bundesbank and the ECB meet this week, although analysts are sceptical that either will act on rates.

would act promptly if there were any signs of deflation. We hate deflation as much as

Mr Duisenberg also criticised Britain for not joining the first wave of EMU. "More than half of British trade is with Europe, and to have a single currency with no exchange-rate risk and with complete transparency would give a favourable boost to the economy," he said.

TM purchase of Martin creates 1,400 shop chain

BY ROBERT COLF.

sales of £530 million in 1997.

Duisenberg: convergence aim

A 1,400 strong chain of corner-shops is being created with the purchase of Martin, the newsagent, by the company that owns Fourbouys convenience

uity and Electra Fleming. its

leading shareholders, are pro-

Acquisition Finance. The purchase price is about six times Martin's operating TM Group, which controls profits for the 12 months to 640 Fourbouys shops, is pay-ing £75 million for Martin's April 26. It is also less than a fifth of the chain's total sales in 780 outlets. HSBC Private Eqthat period. TM made operat-

viding the backing for the The combined group will Martin acquisition, with ademploy 13,000 people. James ditional help from NatWest Lancaster. TM's chairman and chief executive, said there would be no net job losses.

Hopes are that the new entity will benefit from having greater power in purchasing and will be able in save money by centralising distribution ing profits of \$22.3 million on operations and information

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